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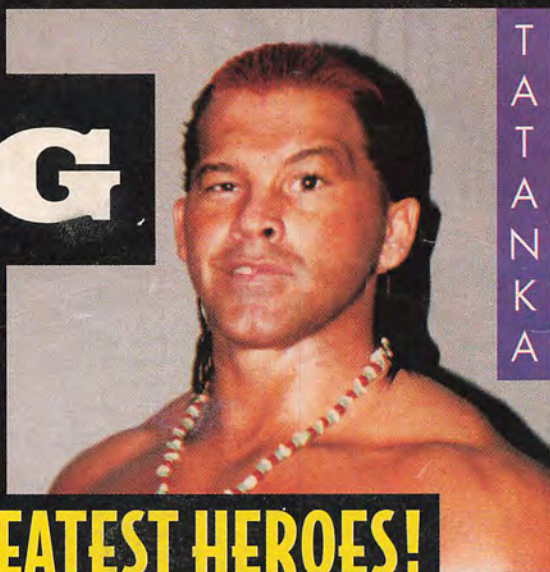
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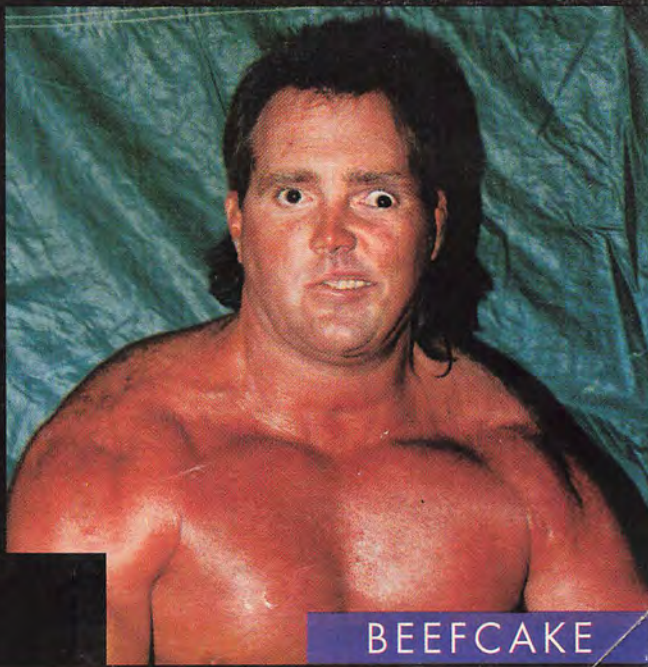
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# Sincerely Yours

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## SELLING OUT

Tatanka makes me sick. I can understand that he is frustrated by his inability to get title shots, and I would have accepted his change of heart if he had done it on his own, but he sold out to Ted DiBiase!



Watching Tatanka sell out to Ted DiBiase sickened reader Harry Simon. He can't believe the Native American would join a stable that also includes Bam Bam Bigelow and Irwin R. Schyster, two of Tatanka's former arch-enemies.

The most nauseating aspect of this mess is that Tatanka's new partners are Bam Bam Bigelow and Irwin R. Schyster. In 1993, a Bigelow-Tatanka feud erupted when Bigelow cut Tatanka's hair. Tatanka later battled IRS, who had destroyed the sacred head-dress that Tatanka received from Wahoo McDaniel and Chief Jay Strongbow. We cheered Tatanka for defending the pride of Native Americans. Apparently, the "Million-Dollar Man" was able to purchase that pride, causing Tatanka to forgive the indiscretions of IRS and Bigelow. Revolting!

Tatanka used to be a role model. Now he's just another sellout.

**HARRY SIMON**  
Las Vegas, NV

## GET A SECOND OPINION

I disagree with Dr. Sidney M. Basil's diagnosis of Bret Hart ("A

Psychologist Analyzes The Hart Feud: 'It's All Bret's Fault!'" December 1994). Although Dr. Basil is a noted sports psychologist, I must disagree with his theory that the family feud is all Bret's fault.

Basil said that Bret started the feud by agreeing to fight his crybaby brother, Owen. Basil failed to remember that Bret never backs down from anyone (including his brother) and insists that he is the best there is, the best there was, and the best there ever will be. I don't buy that middle-child syndrome as a cause of the problems. Brothers stick together through thick and thin.

It shouldn't matter that one brother is better than the other in something. I don't have any brothers or sisters, but if I did, I wouldn't be jealous of them. I'd be very proud of their accomplishments. They would have nothing but my utmost respect.

Take note, crybaby Owen: You're getting nowhere fast with your actions. Get away from Jim Neidhart and rally behind your brother. Someday you'll be champ!

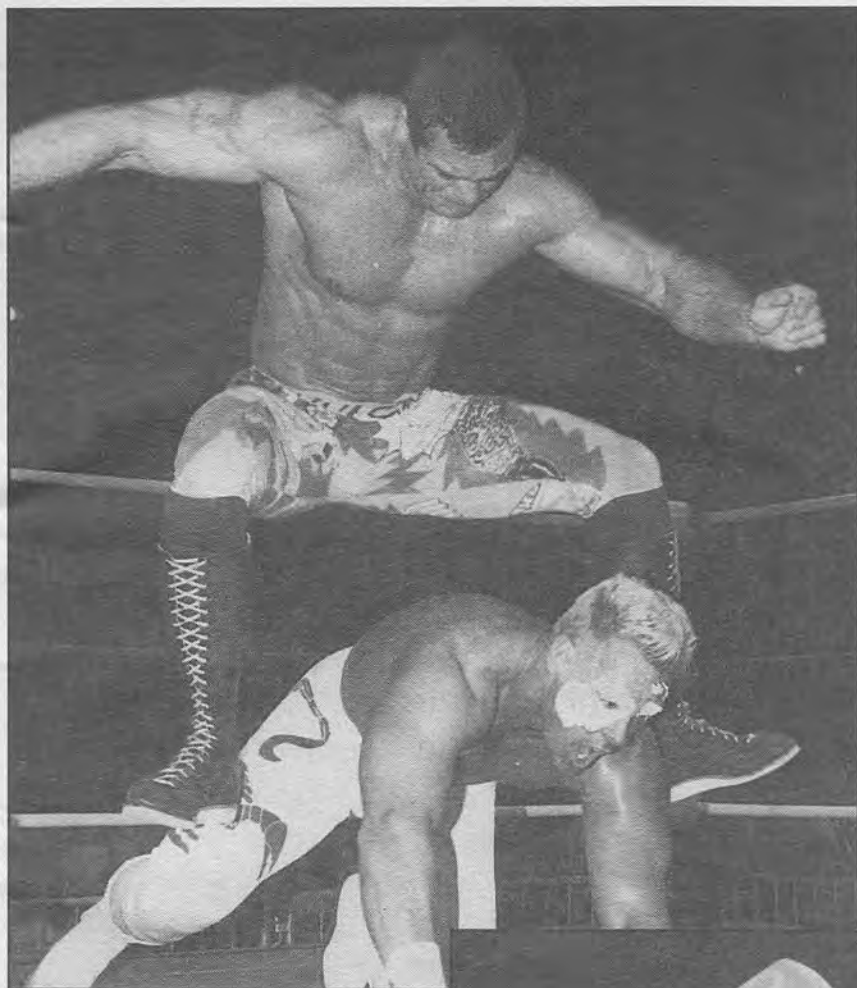
**FELIX RODRIGUEZ**  
Ridgewood, NY

## WHERE'S THE MAN?

Have we really seen the last wrestling appearance of Rick Rude? While WCW fans are faced with a motley collection of ex-WWF has-beens, the most exciting, talented, and hard-working wrestler of our time is nowhere to be found! If the rumors are to be believed, Rude may have wrestled his last match. If so, all I can say is: Thanks for the memories, Rick! You have been a treasure to behold!

**TOM McGRATTAN**  
Portland, OR





Has Rick Rude wrestled his final match? Reader Tom McGrattan hopes not. He considers the "Ravishing One" the best wrestler of our time and wants to see him return.

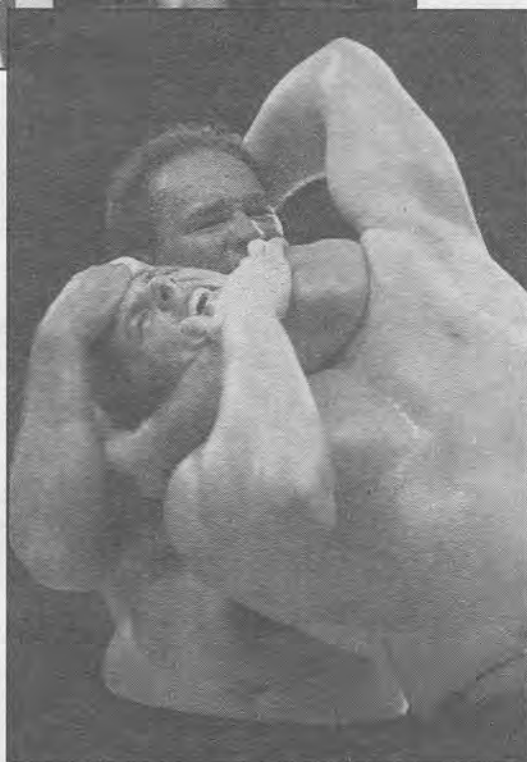
## OLDER IS BETTER

Regarding the letter about older wrestlers in WCW ("Sincerely Yours," December 1994):

In my opinion, WCW is now the leader in the wrestling world *because* of the older wrestlers it has in its organization.

I believe every wrestling federation should have wrestlers like Hulk Hogan and Larry Zbyszko to give the younger wrestlers a challenge. Hogan is one of the top stars today because of his experience in the ring. It takes years to reach his level.

If the author of that letter would stop and look at wrestling today,



So what if there are a lot of older, more experienced men dominating wrestling today, says reader Lawrence Neal. He feels that veterans such as Larry Zbyszko could teach up-and-coming stars a lot about their craft.

he would see that some of the best wrestlers in the world nowadays started competing 10 to 20 years ago. These men are getting older, but they could teach the younger wrestlers about the fine details of their craft.

LAWRENCE NEAL  
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

## WEARING OUT HIS WELCOME?

I agree with Chris Bernucca when he said that it is time for Sting to leave WCW ("On The Road," November 1994). Sting hasn't done much in the last year-and-a-half, unless you count holding that International title for a few months. Sting has been in WCW since 1987 and has won just about everything, including the World title three times. He has cut down on his aerial maneuvers so much that he's not wrestling like the old "Stinger." Now he seems bored with the competition.

The best move Sting could make now is to go to another federation, like the WWF. With its poor talent roster and Sting's personality and charisma, he could easily dominate the WWF. I, for one, would *love* to see a Sting-Bret Hart match.

The time is right for Sting to move on and conquer the world!

BRUCE D. GRAY  
Orlando, FL

## CAN DUSTIN BRAWL?

I'll be honest with you: I fear for Dustin Rhodes. He is letting Col. Robert Parker and the Stud Stable know that he is intimidated. Instead of taking on the Stud Stable one man at a time, he has

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# REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By Stu Saks

It is said that the popularity of professional wrestling goes in cycles. It has its high points and its low ones. There are theories as to why that is true, but there are always counter-theories to prove that those theories are not true.

I say, who cares? My enjoyment of the world's oldest and greatest sport is not dependent upon whether others enjoy it as well. The figures prove that the popularity of wrestling reached its height in the mid-to late-1980s, dipped in the early-'90s, and has begun to climb again over the past year.

So what.

I was a wrestling fan before the mid-'80s, and I will be into the 21st century. I don't follow wrestling because it is trendy, I follow it because I love the action. Does it really matter if the buy-rate for SummerSlam was 10 percent, 1 percent, or .01 percent? The fact that someone is enjoying the card in Des Moines, Iowa, isn't going to make me enjoy it any more than I ordinarily would.

We all want to see wrestling prosper. From a business standpoint, we, at INSIDE WRESTLING obviously have a vested interest in the health of the sport. But from a fan's perspective, I say let's not get so bogged down by things we cannot control anyway. Go to the matches. Watch them on TV. Enjoy the competition. If you're interested in sports news, read about the baseball strike or the hockey lockout, and just be thankful that professional wrestling doesn't have seasons, it doesn't have work-stoppages, and it never ceases to provide fun, entertainment, and intrigue—no matter how many people are watching it.



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# NAMES MA

**T**HE "MACHO MAN" moves on! **Randy Savage** had a great run in the WWF—he won two World titles and one Intercontinental title—but he has officially left the federation.

WWF head **Vince McMahon** made the announcement on *Monday Night Raw*, saying that Savage couldn't agree on a new contract with the WWF. He thanked him for all his contributions to the WWF and said he was Savage's number-one fan.

WCW could be the next stop for the "Macho Man." Some insiders say he'd like another crack at **Hulk Hogan**; if he does go to WCW, he could join forces with **Brutus Beefcake**, **Avalanche**, and **Kevin Sullivan**. Then again, "Macho Man" is unpredictable and might see a potential ally in Hogan ... **Jerry Lawler** is now doing the color commentary on *Raw*, but Lawler has also been busy trying to fend off attacks from **Doink the Clown** and his midget sidekicks, **Dink**, **Wink**, and **Pink**. "The King" has a "Royal Family" of midgets on his side: **Queasy**, **Sleazy**, and **Cheezy** ... If



JEFF JARRETT

the WWF needs a new broadcaster, **Jesse Ventura** could be available. He left WCW this fall.

When **Jeff Jarrett** was competing in the USWA, people used to say he was one of the smartest wrestlers around. Because he wasn't very big or muscular, he had to outsmart his opponents to win matches. Apparently, that smart wrestler got lost on the way from Memphis to the WWF. He is getting a series of shots at **Razor Ramon's** Intercontinental title. The good news is he won a lot of those matches by countout. The bad news is he demanded the matches be continued, then lost after being victimized by the "Razor's Edge." A win is a win, "Double-J."

Maybe **Owen Hart** should stop wrestling all members of his family. He lost bout after bout to brother Bret this summer and isn't faring any better against brother-in-law **Davey Boy Smith** ... The hottest feud in the WWF right now has to be the one between **Lex Luger** and **Tatanka**. This feud isn't about winning and losing, it's about revenge. Most of their matches have ended in

double-countouts with the action outside the ring even hotter than the action inside.

**Capt. Lou Albano** tells me **The Headshrinkers** will definitely recapture the WWF World tag team belts soon. He has plans to change the appearance and training regimen of **Fatu** and **Sionne** (formerly **The Barbarian**). Albano says they will be as ferocious and unpredictable as ever in the ring, but a bit more "civilized" in their lives away from the ring.

What more can be said about **Bob Backlund**? The list of the men he has put in his chicken wing over



CAPT. LOU ALBANO

the last few months now includes Savage, Luger, **Adam Bomb**, **Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly**, **Duke "The Dumpster" Droese**, **The Kid**, **Bret Hart**, **Razor Ramon**, **Arnold Skaaland**, and WWF employee **Lou Gianfriddo**. He has snapped!

**Johnny B. Badd** is fast becoming one of my favorite wrestlers to watch. He is always coming up with new moves and has a terrific rapport with the fans. I just hope the

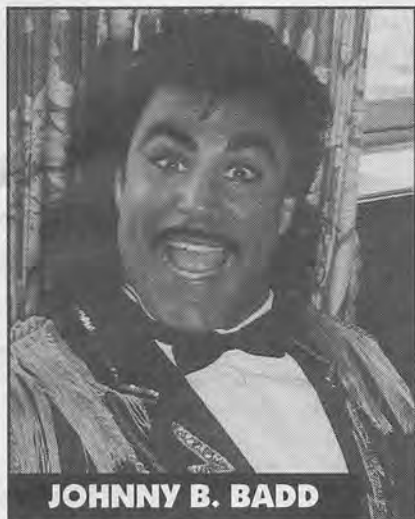


RANDY SAVAGE



# KIN' NEWS

*By Bill Apter*



**JOHNNY B. BADD**

WCW TV champ doesn't become overconfident in one of his battles with **The Honky Tonk Man**. HTM almost beat him for the belt at Halloween Havoc; the match went to a time-limit draw.

What's wrong with **Steve Austin**? That's what a lot of people are asking me. I say nothing. If you thought he would have no problem regaining the U.S. title from **Hacksaw Duggan**, you thought wrong. Duggan is a fine wrestler and he has himself in good shape. Don't underestimate his skills! Having the cunning **Sherri Martel** as his manager ought to help "Stunning" Steve, though ... **The Nasty Boys** looked good in beating WCW tag champs **Paul Orndorff** and **Paul Roma** in several non-title bouts. I think it's only a matter of time before **Jerry Sags** and **Brian Knobs** become three-time WCW World tag team champions.

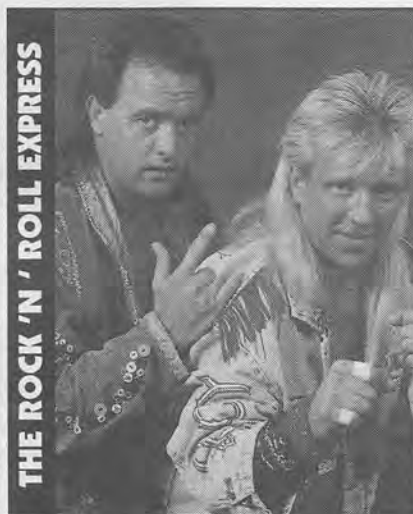
**Sid Vicious** somehow manages to hold on to the USWA heavyweight title he won from Lawler in July. He was lucky to escape with

his life after a meeting with **The Undertaker**. Undertaker had him all but finished after executing a "tombstone" piledriver, but **Spellbinder** interfered and got Sid disqualified.

**The Gangstas** are still Smoky Mountain tag team champions, even after some wild brawls with **The Rock 'n' Roll Express**. **Rick Morton** and **Robert Gibson**, meanwhile, took a brief trip to Japan to compete in the WAR promotion.

**Tammy Fytch** is vowing to do anything in her power to make sure **Boo Bradley** stays in her stable and stops listening to **Cactus Jack** ... **Ole Anderson** tells me his son **Bryant** is the best Anderson ever to don the tights. He's off to a good start, holding his own in a feud with SMW's **Tracey Smothers**.

**Steve Williams'** reign as Japan's Triple Crown champion lasted but 55 days. He was beaten by **Toshiaki Kawada** ... **Norio Honaga** won a tournament to determine a new IWGP junior heavyweight champ. **Jushin Liger** had vacated the title after injuring his ankle.



**THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS**

WWA heavyweight champion "**Friendly**" **Frank Finnegan** has shown signs of turning rulebreaker in recent matches against **Sgt. Slaughter** and **Johnny Rodz** ... **Sabu** suffered a shoulder injury during a match against **Chris Benoit** in November. He was replaced (during the match) by **911**, who got the win.

**Dusty Rhodes** says he isn't making a full-time comeback, but he



**DUSTY RHODES**

continues to wrestle occasionally. Maybe he wants a shot at Hogan ... **Mo** (of **Men on a Mission**) is back. He beat **Spellbinder** on a USWA card, then helped his old friend **Mabel** when he was double-teamed by **Sid Vicious** and **Spellbinder** ... **The Fantastics**—**Bobby Fulton** and **Tommy Rogers**—recently made their WCW debut ... Finally, my longshot vote for Feud of the Year: **Caveman Firpo** vs. **Caveman Broda** in River City Wrestling. Like I said, it's a longshot.

That's all for now. See you at the matches! □

**E**T TU, BRUTUS? As thespians go, Hulk Hogan is not exactly cut out for the works of William Shakespeare. But you couldn't blame him if he called on the immortal bard to describe the events of October 23, 1994, when the senate once again turned on the sport's emperor.

Hogan had beaten Ric Flair in a steel cage match at Halloween Havoc, sending the "Nature Boy" into the uncharted wilderness of retirement. As usual, the full complement of lackeys and hangers-on was present, making sure Hogan's defense of the WCW World title would be a smooth one.

Well, almost the full complement. Manager and long-time friend Jimmy Hart was there, lending ringside assistance. Newfound buddy and fellow thespian Sting was there, also offering timely help. And Mr. T, another colleague of both the small and big screen, was the special guest referee.

However, Brutus Beefcake was not at ringside. He left after the prematch introductions. No one had made a better career of being an entourage member than Beefcake, whose enduring friendship with Hogan always obscured the small detail that he is without any redeeming skills. For nearly his entire life, Beefcake has been the loyal lapdog to Hogan.

And why shouldn't he have been? They were childhood friends long before Hogan adopted Beefcake as his tag team partner. When Beefcake was nearly killed in a parasailing accident in 1990, Hogan was among the first at his hospital bedside and remained with him until the ordeal was over.

When Beefcake was attacked by Money Inc. upon his return to wrestling in 1993, it was Hogan who came out of retirement and to his rescue. Hogan also offered him a small role on his new television program, *Thunder In Paradise*.

Loyalty has always been important to Hogan, who has been the sport's shepherd since winning the WWF World title in 1984. He lost a large part of his flock with his venture into acting, which produced several bad films and plenty of snickers. His involvement in the steroid scandal that plagued the sport made some wonder if he was leading the lambs to slaughter.

With a better idea of what vitamins Hogan had really been taking, fans greeted his repeated comeback attempts with more of a why than a wow. One of wrestling's strongest men took a tremendous beating outside the ring as nearly all of the forces that once praised him—including this family of magazines—were suddenly trying to bury him.

All except Beefcake, who steadfastly remained in support of his friend throughout all of the turmoil. Hogan

# ON THE ROAD

With Chris Bernucca

may have never taught Beefcake anything about being a wrestler, but he had showed him plenty about being a friend. When Beefcake's life became a living hell, Hogan was there for him. Now it was Beefcake's turn to do the same.

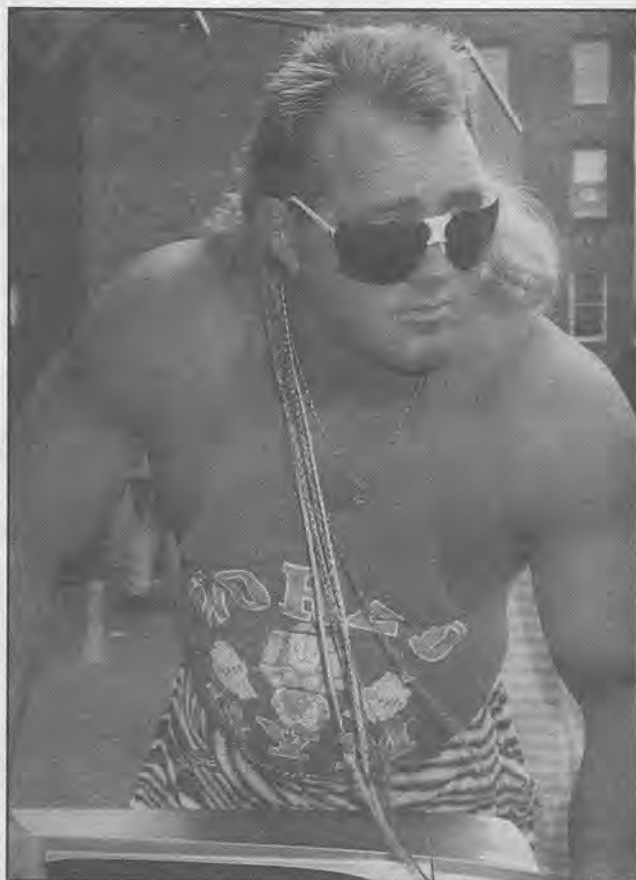
Beefcake was there when Hogan, against the better judgment of the critics, ventured into television. Beefcake was there when Hogan ventured into WCW and heard a few jeers. And Beefcake supported Hogan when he ventured into a courtroom to give testimony that could have destroyed his

career.

But Beefcake was not there when Hogan ventured into the cage for his final showdown with Flair. Prior to one meeting, Hogan had been clubbed on the knee by a masked man in a black outfit and Flair had been accused of orchestrating the attack.

With the memory still fresh in his mind, Hogan used his buddies to insulate himself from a similar assault. Hart prevented Sherri from interfering on Flair's behalf.

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Brutus Beefcake showed everyone where his true loyalties lie when he turned against Hulk Hogan. It's a shame Beefcake showed so little respect to the "Hulkster" when Hogan had always been loyal to him.



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# Behind the Dressing Room Door

by David Rosenbaum

**R**IC FLAIR WOULDN'T have accepted a retirement match against anyone, not even Jean Paul LeVeque, if he wasn't perfectly content with the idea of retirement. Anyone who thinks otherwise is either celebrating too much over Hulk Hogan's victory at Halloween Havoc '94, gloating too much over Flair's departure, or both.

As for you people who are happy about Flair's retirement: Would you have felt the same if Big Van Vader retired Flair at Starrcade '93? I didn't think so.

You know, Rush Limbaugh won't find a friend in this column, but he will find a listener who appreciates his ability to articulate a position and explain a stance when something happens that seemingly proves him wrong.

Recently, for example, New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani—a Republican—endorsed New York Governor Mario Cuomo—a liberal Democrat—in a close

race against George Pataki, an upstart candidate. Pataki, an unknown who had the full backing of the Republican party and U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato, was in a close race with Cuomo; Giuliani's decision to back the Democrat was startling. It made front-page news in the *New York Times*, which congratulated Giuliani for acting in the best interests of the city instead of along party lines.

Limbaugh, a Giuliani supporter, wasn't impressed. Giuliani was wrong to endorse Pataki, Limbaugh said, adding there was nothing noble about Giuliani crossing of party lines. Why, Limbaugh asked on his radio show, is it only noble when a

Republican crosses party lines, but not noble when a Democrat does the same? And why is it that when there's a deadlock in Congress or the Senate, Republicans are always accused of not playing fair and making concessions, but Democrats are never asked to do the same?

Anyway, Limbaugh made his point.

So I'm going to do the same with what seems to be a lose-lose situation.

Hogan retained the WCW World title in his Halloween Havoc defense against Flair, which was bad. Then Flair was forced to retire in accordance with the terms of the match, also bad.

Not so fast.

Logic says this wasn't as bad for Flair as it looks. Right about now, Flair's probably lounging around his pool with his lovely wife, Beth, and their grown children. Maybe Sherri Martel is serving cocktails or showing off her new line of lingerie noir. The Flairs are planning a mid-winter trip to the Bahamas. Maybe they'll spend Christmas in New York City. There'll be no Starrcade date for Flair in 1994.

Translation: Flair wouldn't have taken the retirement match if he wasn't ready to retire. He obviously was ready to retire last December when he wrestled Vader at Starrcade '93, but luck and his body said otherwise. The time finally came 10 months later.

The point is that nobody puts their career on the  
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Ric Flair pounds a closed fist into Hulk Hogan's skull. The "Nature Boy" didn't mind wrestling in a retirement match, speculates David Rosenbaum, because he simply didn't mind the idea of retiring.



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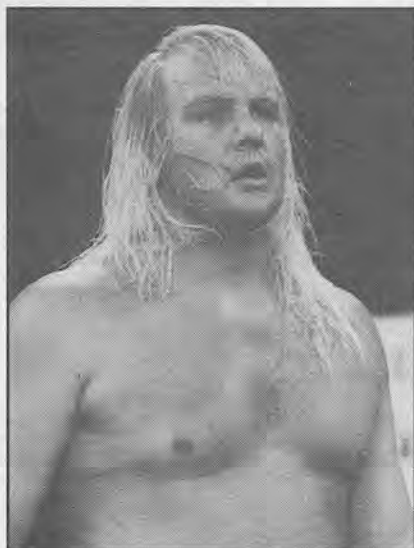
by Eddie Ellner

**A**N ENCOURAGING TREND was started in the pages of *INSIDE WRESTLING* in the Winter 1994 issue. A group of wrestlers were asked about the O.J. Simpson case and their opinions were compiled and published in the magazine. It wasn't, as some readers wrote to complain, a shameless merchandising ploy by the publishers of this family of magazines.

"Why was O.J.'s picture on the cover?" asked J. Nathaniel Hortense of Philadelphia. "He has nothing to do with wrestling." According to one of the editors, the decision to prominently display Simpson's face on the cover was an "artistic decision."

Hey, I'm satisfied. In fact, I thought the idea was so wonderful that I polled several more wrestlers about late-breaking news and stories mak-

ing headlines. Imagine my surprise when I got some fairly intelligent answers (only from rulebreakers, of course). If wrestlers can keep pace with the ever-shifting geopolitical landscape of the world in which we live, there's no excuse for readers not turning their attention from the comics



You think Barry Windham is just some big lug who doesn't have a brain in his head? As usual, you're wrong. I talked to the "Lone Wolf" and he has some interesting theories on the problems in the Middle East.



It would be wise for Democratic leaders to distance themselves from President Clinton, notes Ric Flair. According to the "Nature Boy," Clinton's controversial policies could hurt fellow Democrats at the polls.

every now and then. That is, assuming they know how to find a newspaper in the first place.

**Question:** Do you think there can be peace between Israel and the Palestinians?

Barry Windham answers: "If they can endure the inevitable violence of splinter terrorist groups that do not want peace to happen. If not, I think the chances of their differences being settled peacefully are slim."

**Question:** Should malaria-infested blood be used as a treatment for AIDS patients, as is advocated by several

prominent physicians?

Big Van Vader answers: "No ... yes ... I don't know. What does the research show? Nothing else is working, so they might as well try something extreme."

**Question:** Do you think Democratic candidates should have downplayed their ties to President Clinton in the recent elections?

Ric Flair answers: "The need to assert independence was particularly keen among candidates who deemed their races close. Clinton's policy on Somalia, health care, and relations with Haiti are too controversial for Democrats running for election in conservative areas. When I was champi-

on, a lot of the young guys were scared to associate with me. They were right—you need to make your own mark in this world, not rely on someone else to help you."

**Question:** Should vegetarians be allowed to eat honey?

Marcus Alexander Bagwell answers: "Real vegetarians believe it is morally wrong to use products derived from animals. They won't even wear leather. Honey is off-limits, since it's harvested from bees, just as milk is taboo since it's harvested from cows. I

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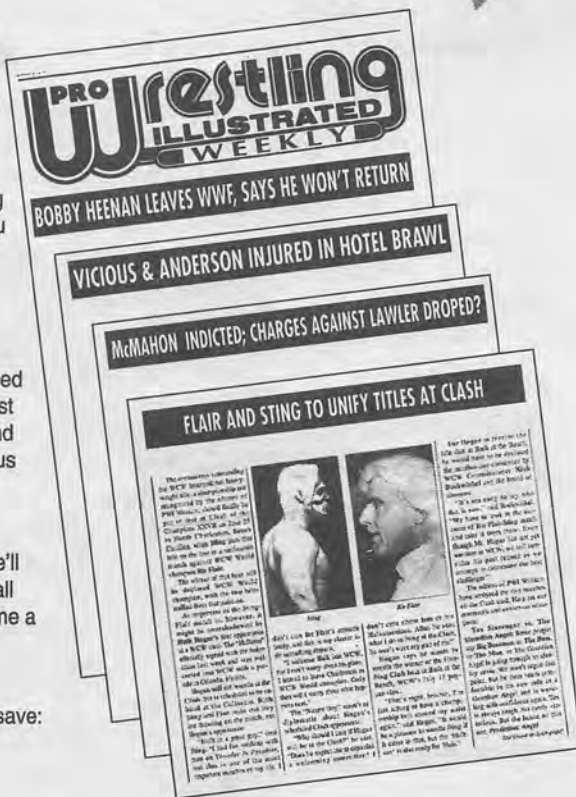
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# ON Assignment

By Liz Hunter

**T**HE FIRST THING I learned in journalism school was to listen with open ears and look with open eyes. While talk is plentiful and cheap, you can find out what a person really means by watching their movements—a facial tic, a tapping foot, wandering eyes. Hear what others don't, see what others can't, and you will find the hidden truths, one of my freshman year professors lectured me.

The entire wrestling world is abuzz with the Brutus Beefcake scandal. Could you ask for better copy? The Father of Turncoats reincarnated as a pro wrestler. Even the most veteran reporters didn't see this one coming.

"I'm ashamed to say it, but my mouth was open so wide you could count my fillings," my fellow contributing editor, Matt Brock, joked. "This was unexpected."

"It's the hardest thing I've ever had to face in my career," said Beefcake's former friend and current target, Hulk Hogan. "You think you know someone and, bam, everything changes!"

I am here to tell you that Beefcake's defection is not as unexpected as Brock or Hogan believes. In fact, had we listened harder, there's a man in Tampa, Florida—and two women—who

have been predicting this exact scenario for a few years. Rewind to 1990.

It is a few days before Brutus Beefcake has several bones in his face broken in a parasailing accident. He is at the dock where he and good buddy Hulk Hogan keep their boats. They are old friends, so close that many confuse them for brothers. But today Beefcake

listened, since they all considered taking care of Hulk's boat an honor.

"I'll never forget what Brutus told me. He said, 'It's only an honor if you're a German shepherd. Otherwise, it's slavery.' I asked what he meant, but he didn't talk much more. Almost like he was scared he said too much."

A few days later, while assisting



Hulk Hogan was at Brutus Beefcake's side when he finally came back after his devastating parasailing accident. Perhaps Hogan took too much credit for Beefcake's recovery and that's why he eventually attacked the "Hulkster."

is not talking kindly about his old friend.

"Brutus was madder than hell," recalls the dockmaster, Leopold Jones. "Hogan had been traveling for eight months and he had Brutus taking care of his boat, as if Brutus was a cabin boy or something. Brutus was complaining about it to whoever would listen. Of course, not many people

a friend who was about to take flight parasailing, Beefcake suffered a terrible injury that kept him in and out of hospitals for nearly two years. In a much-publicized show of loyalty, Hogan appeared on national television and implored his "Hulkamaniacs" to pray for his friend's recovery. It was a terribly moving speech,

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## RAZOR RAMON

**T**HE "BAD GUY" wears the gold again. After years of hearing fans say he didn't live up to his potential, Miami native Razor Ramon has become one of the most dominant athletes in the WWF ... The 6'8", 287-pounder became a two-time Intercontinental champion in August when he defeated Diesel for the belt at SummerSlam (*"The gold is back where it belongs"*) ... Ten-year veteran was trained by Harley Race, Pat O'Connor, Rick Martel, and Curt Hennig (*"The best only get trained by the best"*) ... Has wrestled under the name Scott Hall, The Diamond Studd, and Starship Coyote ... Held the AWA World tag team title with Curt Hennig for four months in 1986 ... Competed in Florida for a while, where he challenged Lex Luger; the match was never signed (*"Everyone was afraid of the 'Bad Guy'"*) ... Met "Diamond" Dallas Page in 1990; the manager gave him a complete makeover, including slick-backed hair and dark glasses ... Entered WCW in 1991, where he started using the "Razor's edge" (then known as the "Diamond death drop") as a finisher ... Disappeared from the federation in 1992, eventually resurfacing in the WWF... Formed an alli-

ance with Hennig, Bobby Heenan, and Ric Flair (*"That's three guys you can't trust"*) ... Claimed he, not Randy Savage, was the real "Macho Man," and interfered in the match in which Flair regained the WWF World title from Savage in September 1992 ... Lost by submission to World champion Bret Hart at the 1993 Royal Rumble (*"That was a different Razor Ramon"*) ... Started to struggle, losing to Tatanka, Hennig, and Crush ... Though he was still a rulebreaker, Ramon had fans on his side when he beat Bob Backlund at WrestleMania IX

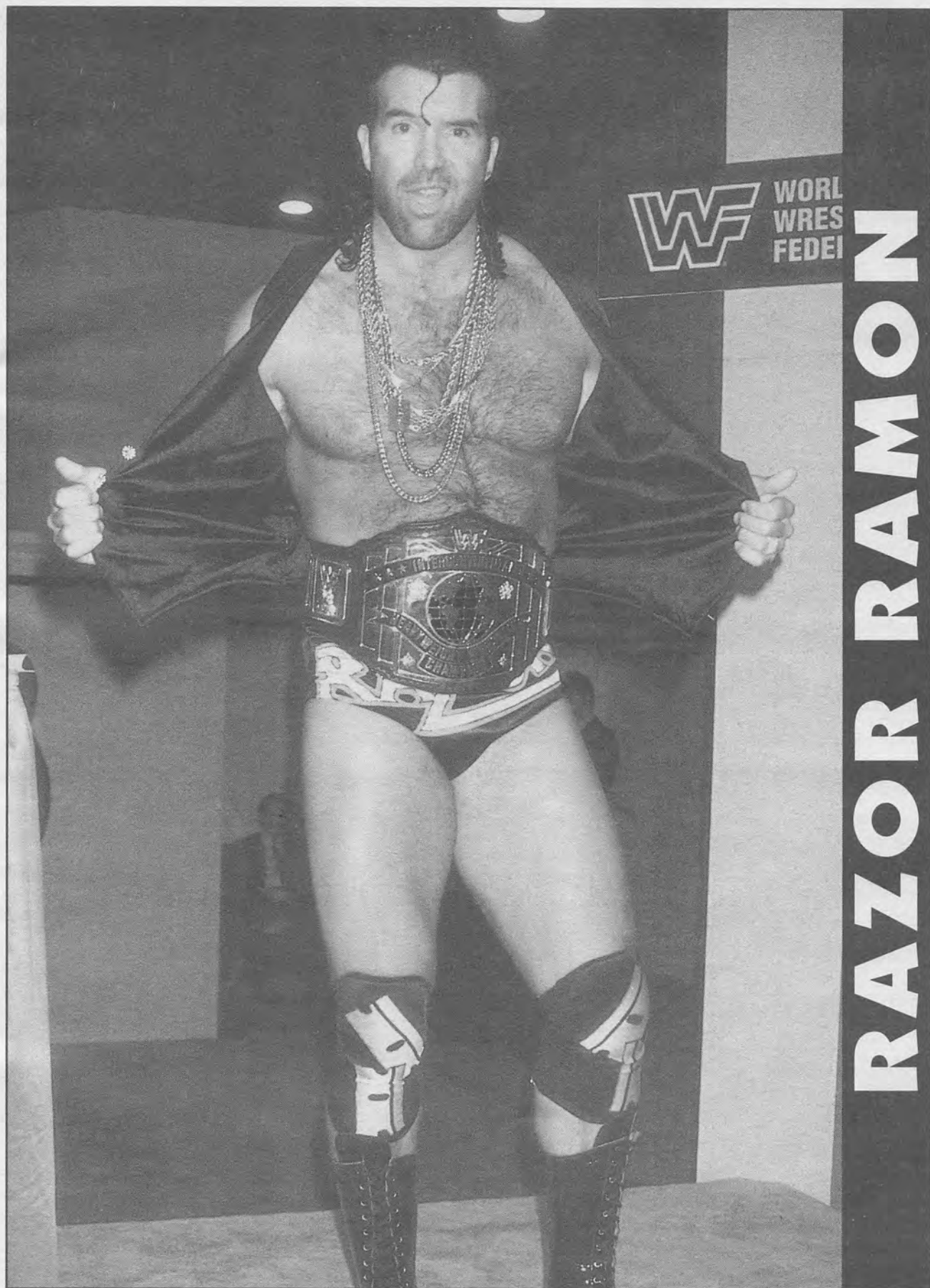
(*"They appreciate great talent and machismo"*) ... Suffered a humiliating loss to The Kid on WWF Monday Night Raw in May 1993 ... Weeks later, Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster made fun of him, offering him a job as their maid (*"No one humiliates the 'Bad Guy' like that"*) ... Turned fan favorite and pinned DiBiase at SummerSlam '93 ... Won the I-C title for the first time when he beat Rick Martel in a tournament final after Shawn Michaels had been stripped of the belt (*"It was only a matter of time before the best wrestler in the world became a*

*champion"*) ... Dominated a subsequent feud with Schyster ... Michaels soon returned to the WWF claiming he was the real Intercontinental champion ... His feud with Ramon was one of the most exciting of 1994 and it culminated in a thrilling ladder match at WrestleMania X that was won by Ramon; the bout was named Match of the Half-Decade by *The Wrestler* (*"Great wrestlers find ways to win big matches"*) ... Lost the I-C title to Diesel in April after Michaels interfered ... Reached the finals of the 1994 King of the Ring tournament, but lost to Owen Hart after Jim Neidhart interfered (*"Owen is king of nothing!"*) ... Has successfully defended the title against Hart, Backlund, and others in his second I-C reign.



Razor Ramon is one of the toughest and cockiest wrestlers in the WWF, but it took him a while to capture a title in the federation. He is now a two-time Intercontinental champion.

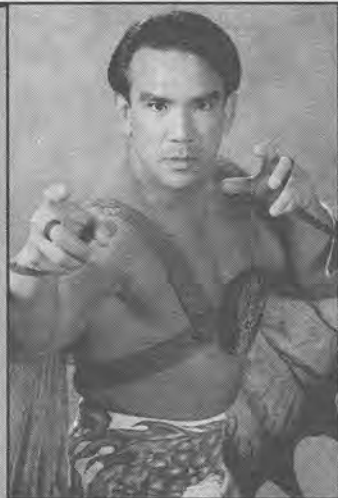




**RAZOR RAMON**

# Where Are They NOW

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## RICK STEAMBOAT

As of press time, Steamboat was still attending rehabilitation sessions in Charlotte, North Carolina, for back injuries he sustained several months ago. His doctors have told him that surgery could correct the problem to an extent, but he may not be the same physi-

cally as he was before the injury. If he goes back to wrestling and reinjures himself, he may never be able to compete again. "The Dragon" is still trying to decide whether to continue his career or take a more cautious approach.



## LUDVIG BORGA

After leaving the WWF for a few months because of an ankle injury, Borga tells us he tried to get back into the federation, but was not welcome. "They told me that The Undertaker, Bret Hart, and that foolish, phony American Lex Luger

said they would all quit if I came back because they are so afraid of me." You can decide whether he is telling the truth. In the meantime, he has been wrestling in several different independent organizations.



## JACQUES ROUGEAU

"Quebecer" Jacques retired from the mat sport after winning his final match on October 21 in Montreal. He defeated his former partner Pierre in front of a sellout crowd at the Forum. These days, Jacques is involved in running several fitness centers in

Canada and a lot more. "I love playing golf every day I can," he joked. Jacques' wife and two children are happy that their father is home a lot more often than he had been during the years he was an active competitor.



## PRINCE KHARIS

Upset that their man has not brought a title back to his homeland, Kharis' handlers have taken him back to Egypt and hired a new trainer; they hope this man will improve Kharis' performances once he is allowed to return to the United States. "We had

hoped the Smoky Mountain heavyweight championship would be brought to Egypt, but Kharis was unable to accomplish that goal," manager Ahmed Massad told us. "Perhaps soon we'll be ready to conquer their world again."

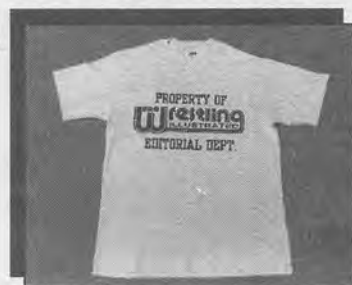


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- 1) Nikita Koloff
- 2) Dusty Rhodes
- 3) Michael Hayes
- 4) Stan Hansen

True or False: Dusty Rhodes was once managed by rulebreaking manager Gary Hart.

- 1) True
- 2) False

How did Ric Flair severely injure his back in October 1975?

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**BRET HART  
VS.  
JIM NEIDHART**



Neidhart was so eager to win the WWF World title that he attacked Bret before the bell. Bret ducked "The Anvil's" attempted clothesline and soon locked him in a "sharpshooter." But Jeff Jarrett ran into the ring to break that up and "The Hitman" took quite a beating. When Bret was later thrown over the top rope, he landed on his feet and blasted Jarrett, who was at ringside. When Bret was ready to put Neidhart in the "sharpshooter" again, Jarrett got up on the ring apron and grabbed Bret's arms. Neidhart took a swing at Hart, but Bret ducked and he hit Jarrett instead. Bret rolled up Neidhart for the pin.

**OTHER BOUTS:** The Bushwhackers beat Well Dunn ... Mabel beat Kwang the Ninja ... Jeff Jarrett beat Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly ... WWF World Women's champion Alundra Blayze beat Bull Nakano ... WWF World tag team champions Diesel & Shawn Michaels beat Headshrinkers Fatu & Sionne by disqualification ... The Undertaker beat Yokozuna in a casket match.

**ANAHEIM, CA**  
BY DOUG HARLAND



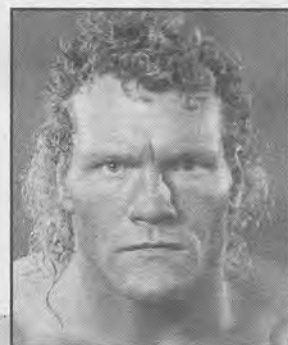
**HACKSAW DUGGAN  
VS.  
STEVE AUSTIN**



"Stunning" Steve got another chance to regain the WCW U.S. title when he squared off against the patriotic Duggan at the Convention Center. Austin tried to psych out the champion by stalling early in the match, but it didn't work. Duggan got the best of Austin for several minutes, using several clotheslines and shoulderblocks. But Austin pulled a foreign object out of his tights, hit Duggan, and got a three-count. As the referee raised his arm, the object fell to the mat. Duggan was declared the winner by disqualification.

**OTHER BOUTS:** WCW TV champ Johnny B. Badd pinned Jean Paul LeVeque ... Sting beat Lord Steven Regal ... Honky Tonk Man beat Brian Pillman ... Dave Sullivan and Kevin Sullivan wrestled to a double-countout ... Marcus Bagwell & The Patriot defeated Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma ... Dustin Rhodes & The Nasty Boys beat Arn Anderson, Bunkhouse Buck, & Terry Funk ... WCW World champion Hulk Hogan beat Ric Flair by disqualification.

**MEMPHIS, TN**  
BY PHIL SEAWRIGHT



**SID VICIOUS  
VS.  
THE UNDERTAKER**



The Undertaker got a huge ovation from the crowd that came to see him battle the USWA champ at the Mid-South Coliseum. Undertaker caught Vicious with a boot to the face early in the match, but Sid shook it off. After choke-slammng Undertaker, he was ready to pin him, but Undertaker quickly rose to his feet. As the action moved outside the ring, Sid smashed a chair across Undertaker's back. Undertaker, however, continued to fight back. Back inside the ring, he covered Vicious after delivering a "tombstone" piledriver. As the referee was making the count, Spellbinder entered and got Sid disqualified. Afterward, Undertaker sent both men fleeing when he clotheslined them.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Sgt. Victor beat Jeff Gaylord ... The Moondogs beat Reggie B. Fine & Spellbinder ... Scott Bowden pinned Randy Hales in a lumberjack strap match ... USWA Southern champion Tommy Rich wrestled Buddy Landell to a double-countout ... Miss Texas beat Fantasia ... PG-13 defeated The Phantoms.

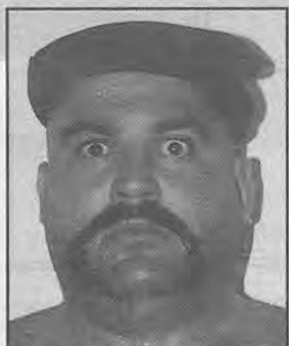


# WRESTLING CAPITALS

**JOHNSON CITY, TN**  
BY MILLICENT GILLINGHAM



**TONY ANTHONY**  
VS.  
**BRUISER BEDLAM**



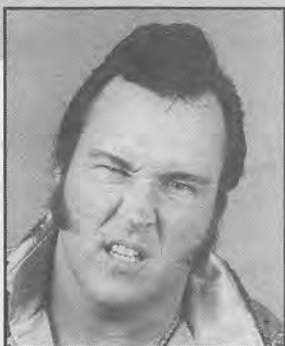
There was more at stake in this match than Anthony's Smoky Mountain heavyweight title. If Anthony lost, he was to receive 10 lashes with a belt. If Bedlam lost, both he and manager Jim Cornette had to take five. It turned out to be quite a brawl, but the "Dirty White Boy" was eventually disqualified for slugging the referee. He told the fans he was a man of his word and took five lashes from Bedlam and five from Cornette. When the two rulebreakers continued their assault, Tracey Smothers ran in to help Anthony. Smothers got the belt from Bedlam and took a few shots at his adversaries before they fled to the dressing room.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Anthony Michaels defeated Steve Skyfire ... Tracey Smothers and Bryant Anderson wrestled to a 20-minute time-limit draw ... Boo Bradley defeated Lance Storm ... Smoky Mountain tag team champions The Gangstas defeated The Rock 'n' Roll Express.

**OAKLAND, CA**  
BY AMY PILLERS



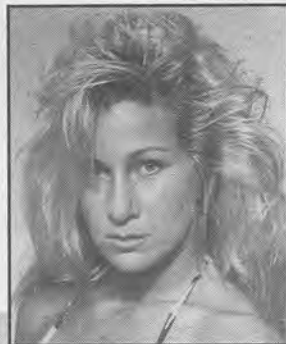
**BRIAN PILLMAN**  
VS.  
**HONKY TONK MAN**



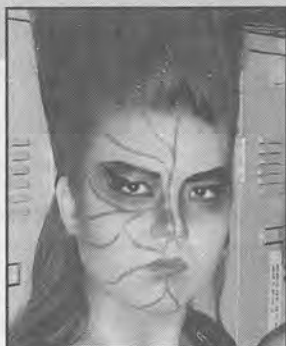
This match between a popular high-flyer and WCW's number-one Elvis Presley impersonator took a while to start as Honky Tonk Man was reluctant to lock up with his opponent. When it did start, Honky Tonk's offense consisted mostly of kicks and punches, while Pillman knocked his foe down with some aerial moves. Unfortunately, he tried too many. As Pillman went for a flying bodypress, HTM ducked and "Flyin' Brian" hit the mat. HTM quickly pinned him for the victory.

**OTHER BOUTS:** WCW TV champ Johnny B. Badd beat Jean Paul LeVeque ... Sting pinned Lord Steven Regal ... Dustin Rhodes & The Nasty Boys beat Arn Anderson, Bunkhouse Buck, & Col. Rob Parker ... Kevin Sullivan and Dave Sullivan wrestled to a double-countout ... U.S. champ Hacksaw Duggan beat Steve Austin by disqualification ... WCW World tag team champs Marcus Bagwell & The Patriot beat Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma ... WCW World champ Hulk Hogan beat Ric Flair.

**HERSHEY, PA**  
BY JOHN STONE



**ALUNDRA BLAYZE**  
VS.  
**BULL NAKANO**



The WWF World Women's champion was again challenged by the brawny Japanese rulebreaker, who was managed by loony Luna Vachon. Nakano tried everything she could to inflict pain on Blayze, but as most people know, Alundra can take a lot of abuse and still come back strong. Nakano attempted to bite Blayze numerous times and pulled her hair throughout the bout. The fans, however, rallied behind Blayze and she rode their cheers to another sensational victory; she finished Nakano off with her favorite maneuver, the German waistlock suplex.

**OTHER BOUTS:** The Bushwhackers defeated Well Dunn ... Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly defeated Kwang the Ninja ... Jeff Jarrett pinned The Kid with his feet on the ropes ... Diesel pinned Headshrinker Sionne ... Lex Luger and Tatanka wrestled to a double-countout ... WWF World champion Bret Hart defeated Jim Neidhart ... The Undertaker defeated Yokozuna in a casket match.



## Matt Brock's **Plain Speaking**

**Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor**

I've been a Dabney Coleman fan for a long time. Reminds me a little of Verne Gagne, but I won't hold that against him. Anyway, I'm holed up in my apartment waiting for a call from Jim Cornette to comment on a story I was working on, when I received the type of phone call that would give a lesser man nightmares—and that, to any viewer of Dabney's *Madman Of The People* program

(great show, by the way), proves once again that life truly does imitate art. "Uncle Matt? It's Brandi," the voice at the other end of the phone said. It took me a second to realize who it was: Brandi Mankiewicz. My niece. Hadn't heard from her in over a year. So why was she calling now?

"Listen, Uncle Matt, I have a problem with your column for the February issue. Paragraph four. Second sentence. Doesn't that sound a little sexist to you?" Now, I had no idea how she got hold of my February column, since the issue hadn't even been put to bed yet, and I couldn't imagine why she would think that I'd care about what she thinks about one of my columns. Then it hit me. Or, rather, *she* hit me. "Who cares what you think, Brandi? Why are you calling?" I said. Brandi thought she knew everything about journalism even before she attended one of those fancy journalism schools in the Northeast. Now she thinks she's Connie Chung. "Haven't they told you, Uncle Matt? I'm working here at *Inside Wrestling* now. I'll be proofing your copy!" At this point, I was wishing the nearest double-Dewars straight-up was in my hand instead of two blocks away, and that I hadn't decided to give up cigars. Stu Saks was itching for a bruising for not letting me know

what he had done, and then I realized. Mankiewicz. Brock. How *could* he know? Saks barely knows I have a family, for all I talk about them, so there's no way he could've known that my sister's first daughter has been on my case about the way I work my beat for the past 23 years or so. Suffice to say that I don't bring copies of these magazines to family get-togethers, at least when I know she's going to be there. Good grief! Then I recalled a few weeks ago when Rosenbaum told me about the new body in the office. "Some girl," he said. "Randi something or other. Nice phone voice. Let's see if she can edit." Nice going, Rosenbaum. If you were around 20 years ago, Ric Flair would've been Nick Flair. For now, I've got big problems. The devil's gift to journalism is handling my copy (I can only imagine her reaction when she sees this replacement item for my lead), and she just happens to be my niece. We'll see about this.

NEW YORK, NY

The Honky Tonk Man should shut up and stop complaining about how underrated he



HONKY TONK MAN  
VS. JOHNNY B. BADD



is. If anybody started rating him or thinking anything of him, he'd lose every match he wrestled. The man's never been confused with a brain surgeon, so how can he realize that his lack of talent is his greatest asset? Johnny B. Badd, one of the better wrestlers around, steps into the ring with Honky Tonk and thinks he's going to have an easy time of it, since Honky Tonk is such a clown. Ten minutes later, Badd finds himself in the fight of his life and desperately trying to hold on to the U.S. title. Why? Because he thought nothing of Honky Tonk, and Honky Tonk had a little more to offer, that's why. Lou Thesz, one of the greatest there ever was, once told me his secret to success. "Matt," Thesz said, "when I step into that ring, I just assume that the man on the other side is the second coming of Superman, because maybe he is. If I'm going to spend my time pulling on my tights and stepping into that ring, I might as well be ready for the best and give my best, because the guy on the other side is going to be fighting for his life. All men were created equal, and I believe that's especially true in the wrestling ring." Sure enough, Thesz lost some matches in his day, but he rarely lost to an upstart and he always gave it his best. Badd would do well to learn this lesson. As for Flair losing his career match to Hogan: The way I see it, Hogan for Flair is no deal at all. We've been rooked, fans, and it's about time you realized it.

I'm sitting in the last row at the Center Stage Theatre, taking in a WCW TV taping, when some leggy broad taps me on the shoulder. "Is this seat taken?" she asks. If I didn't know better, I would've thought it was a come-on line. Maybe it was, but at my age, sub-

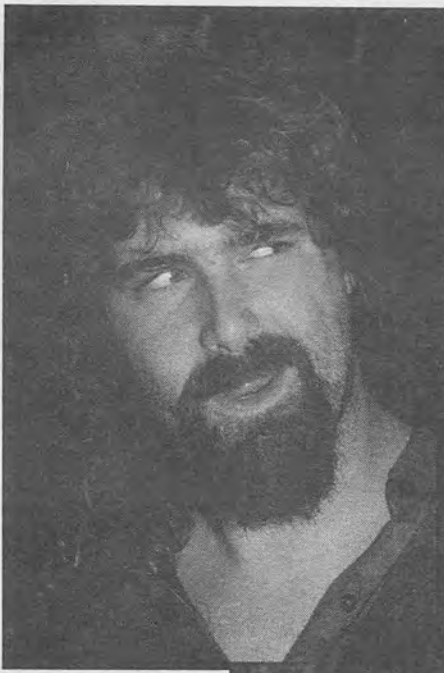


UNDERTAKER VS. YOKOZUNA

tlety means getting hit over the head by a ton of bricks. Figured she was about my age. Probably a real looker in her day. Not too bad right now, either. She's getting into the matches, and I'm getting into my notepad. Finally, she starts up a conversation. Obviously she can't tell that I'm busy working, or she just doesn't care. I decided to be a gentleman. "Matt. Matt Brock. Glad to meet you." "Sheila. Sheila Warner." She's in town for the week visiting relatives. Lives in New York City. Brooklyn, a few blocks from the E line on the subway. The E line passes my way, too. The conversation in the stands was better than the action in the ring.

Don't know how the WWF keeps finding these great old barns, but somebody's doing something right. Back in my day, wrestling matches were held in creaky old buildings with folding

chairs, balconies, and people packed in like sardines in a can. Jeez, I hate these huge cookie-cutter arenas. The WWF's talent is at an all-time low these days, but McMahon's always been an expert at packaging, and he's doing his best job yet. Put the two products on a shelf, WWF and WCW, and the WWF's still looks better, even though it isn't. Razor Ramon put his Intercontinental title on the line against Yokozuna tonight, and it was a battle—until The Undertaker rolled out his casket. Yokozuna's scared to death of death, and he showed it by high-tailing it to the dressing room the second he touched the casket. I hear tell that Yoko's always been a little superstitious, and Ramon was smart to take advantage of it. Meanwhile, Bret Hart vs. Bob Backlund looks to be on tap for a long time, which is a helluva lot better than Hart vs. Hart. *Helluva*. Catch that, Brandi. Change it to a lot. □



# Cactus Jack

VS.

# Tammy Fytch:

# THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND OF BOO BRADLEY



Photos by Jason Ross Lavin



**Boo Bradley has a choice: stay with the manager who has made him successful, or turn fan favorite and join forces with one of craziest men in the sport. It's a tough decision for a man who...who...well, who isn't all that bright**

by Dave Lenker

**B**OO BRADLEY IS an idiot. He watches *Beavis And Butt-Head* for mental stimulation, and his idea of educational television is a Barney-thon.

Boo Bradley is also a rulebreaker. Tammy Fytch made him that way, and is doing everything in her power to keep him that way. Fytch has found that it's about as easy to control Bradley and win his heart as it is to win a dog's heart. Just feed him and take him out for long walks, and he's all yours.

But like a dog that isn't vicious at heart, Boo Bradley is a nice guy down deep. Nurture his good side, and you could have a lovable fan favorite who would bark at—and maybe bite—Fytch if he had the chance.

Cactus Jack, who knows about being both a fan favorite and a rulebreaker, is trying to reach that good side. He arrived in Smoky Mountain Wrestling saying he saw a "kindred spirit" in the 310-pound simpleton. Like two people fighting over the love of an animal, Jack and Fytch have found that there are many ways to an animal's heart.

"Boo Bradley reminds me a lot of me," Jack said. "All he ever needed was somebody to give him a break. I'm here to help Boo Bradley break free from Tammy Fytch and prove to the world that he's a good man who deserves to be treated properly. Right now, Boo Bradley is like a whipped dog, and a whipped dog snaps at anything that moves. He's dangerous, but he's miserable.



On the rare occasions Tammy Fytch allows Boo Bradley off his leash and out of his doghouse, he enjoys playing on rides. It is this childlike innocence that fascinates Cactus Jack; he wants to rescue Bradley from Fytch.





Though Bradley is vicious in the ring, even the flash of a camera can be enough to send him running for cover. Jack thinks Fytch and Chris Candido made him into the madman he is and says he won't allow them to abuse Boo any longer.

"Let me tell you something: They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. I might be an earless freak who everybody thinks is crazy, but I'm going to find a way to teach this old dog something. And maybe I might just teach Tammy Fytch a thing or two along the way."

Fytch's abuse of Bradley has been sickening. Most women are friendly toward animals, who in turn love the soft hands and soft touch of a female. Bradley would probably bite Fytch's hand if he didn't think it would cost him his

next meal...of dog food. That is exactly what Fytch feeds Boo Bradley. He's been existing on a steady diet of Alpo. If he's obedient, she feeds him a couple of dog biscuits as a treat, then orders him into his doghouse for the night.

The ASPCA should get a hold of this cruel manager and her evil sidekick, Chris Candido. They're despicable. Fytch pulls Bradley to the ring on a leash, unchains him for the match, and puts the leash back on when the match is over. Bradley's only real friend is a cat named Boots, and now Fytch and Candido are threatening to terminate Boots' contract with life if Bradley doesn't stop listening to Jack.

"I'm scared," Bradley recently mumbled to a ringside photographer after a match.

"What's that?" Fytch snapped.

Bradley looked at her with puppy-dog eyes and shivered as if he had just been swatted with a rolled-up newspaper.

"I know just how evil Fytch and Candido can be, but I'm surprised they would threaten to kill a poor defenseless cat," said Brian Lee, who was once in Fytch's stable. "They're lower than low. I'm not sure I trust Cactus Jack, either. He has at least of couple of screws loose in that cracked skull of his, but he'd give Bradley the chance to act like a human being. What's going on now is revolting. Bradley isn't a very intelligent kid, but he's a human being. I'm not sure I can say the same thing about Fytch and Candido."

Fytch is a human being—a scheming human being who uses others for her own gain. It's an accepted fact in the animal training business that few dogs are naturally vicious. Dogs must be trained before they'll become violent. Pit bulls are often abused by



their owners until they become killers. By mentally abusing Bradley, Fytch has turned him into a human pit bull. He's vicious and more concerned with injuring opponents than winning matches. Fytch has created a monster that doesn't know right from wrong.

People used to say the same kinds of terrible things about Cactus Jack. Then Cactus learned his lesson.

"I really do see a little of myself in Boo Bradley," Jack reiterated. "It wasn't until Vader did what he did to me that people started to realize there was a real person inside of me, and that's when I started thinking less about injuring my opponents and more about winning. People think I'm not too smart, either, but I *know* I'm smart. People talk about me behind my back, but that's okay. All Boo needs is a little help."

Jack's battle with Fytch has the makings of a long feud. As it looks now, Bradley will probably join forces with Cactus Jack and battle Fytch and her men. The fans will likely side with Bradley, but what will become of him? Happily denied of his reason to be vicious, will Bradley lose his effectiveness? By befriending Bradley, Jack could be disarming him. It's an alarming prospect for a wrestler who wants to make a career in the ring.

"That moron Cactus Jack is trying to ruin Boo Bradley," Fytch spat. "He's the only one who doesn't realize that Boo doesn't have half a brain and needs to be led around on a leash. If it wasn't for me, Bradley wouldn't be anything but a mutant sitting by himself in a doghouse. I've made him, and now Cactus Jack is trying to destroy him. If Cactus Jack knew anything, he'd know that me and Chris are the



Fytch only feeds Bradley dog food and dog biscuits, so he sometimes has to scramble to find snacks. The rulebreaking manager says Boo should stick with her and Candido because they are the only friends he has ever had.

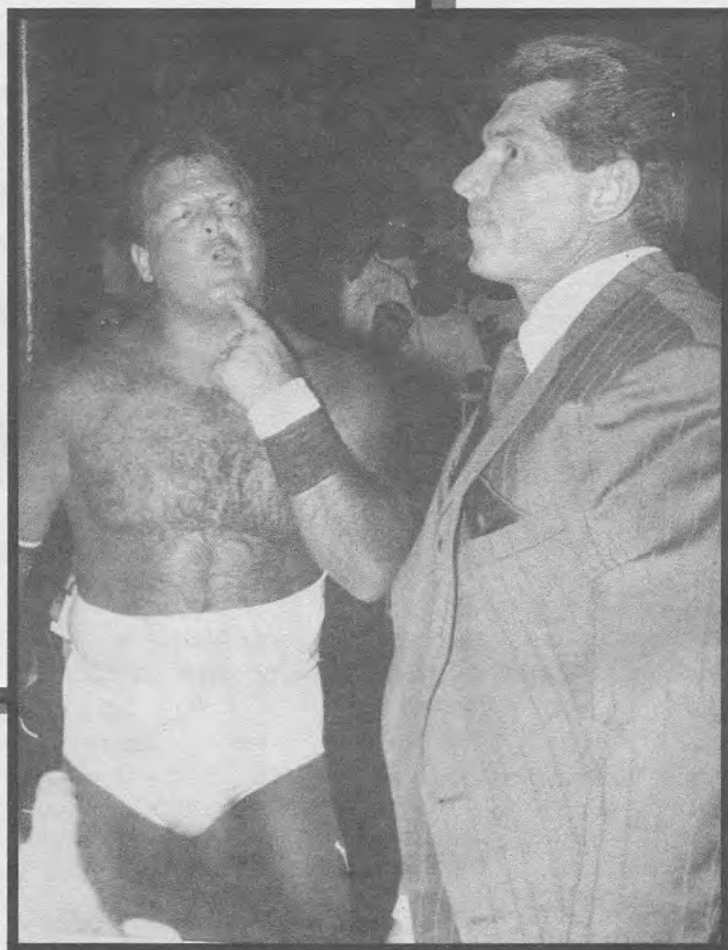
only friends Boo ever had. That dog *loves* his master."

But that's like saying an animal loves only the person who feeds him. Of course he does. Animals don't know any better. But Cactus Jack doesn't think Boo Bradley is an animal. He thinks Bradley is a human being. A rough road lies ahead for everyone concerned. □

**THE BEST MATCH  
THAT NEVER WAS:**

# **VINCE MCMAHON VS. JERRY LAWLER**

**"LET'S  
GET  
READY  
TO  
RUMBLE!"**



Jerry Lawler taunts WWF head Vince McMahon in 1993 in Memphis. At the time, it appeared a Lawler-McMahon bout was a certainty. Since then, legal problems have given both other things to think about beside each other.



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**By Dave Rosenbaum**

IT WAS OCTOBER 11, 1993. At Memphis' Mid-South Coliseum, a large crowd of pro-Jerry Lawler types was stark raving mad. The place resembled a lunatic asylum. The hometown boy had just been wronged by the big city slicker, and the people of Memphis were in no mood for showing Vince McMahon a down-home Southern welcome.

They were ready to lynch him.

Several weeks earlier, McMahon had enraged Lawler and the Memphis fans. McMahon, sitting in Paul Neighbors' corner for a match against Lawler, tripped "The King" as he was chasing Neighbors outside the ring. Later in the evening, McMahon blasted Lawler with a forearm as Pat Patterson, McMahon's bodyguard,

held Lawler.

All of this was the offshoot of the on-air verbal quarreling that had gone on between McMahon and Lawler on WWF telecasts. But instead of taking out his frustration on Lawler during a WWF card, the burly promoter used the USWA as his stage. It was a bad move.

Lawler, the USWA heavyweight champion, was wrestling Randy Savage in a rematch of a brawl one week earlier that had featured the use of fireballs and chains. McMahon was in Savage's corner



for the rematch, ostensibly offering support to the WWF's charge. McMahon, however, had more than verbal and emotional support in mind.

Savage laid prone on the mat as Lawler prepared to finish him off. But McMahon grabbed Lawler's tights and pulled him down. As Harvey Wippleman, Lawler's second, attacked McMahon, Savage dropped an elbow into Lawler for the three-

Today, McMahon and Lawler share the WWF broadcast booth. Tomorrow, might they share a wrestling ring? It would be a sight to see!



If USWA referee Frank Morell hadn't stopped Lawler from attacking McMahon in 1993, we might have witnessed an official bout between the two!

count and the title.

"This is the last straw!" an irate Lawler said after the match. "That gutless McMahon has stuck his nose in my business for the last time! He cost me my belt this time! The only way we can settle this is right in the middle of the ring! Let's go!"

Heated feelings between the USWA and the WWF were at an all-time high. USWA matchmaker Eddie Marlin admitted he didn't know what to do about McMahon. Inter-federation matches were taking place on WWF and USWA cards. WWF fan favorites were treated

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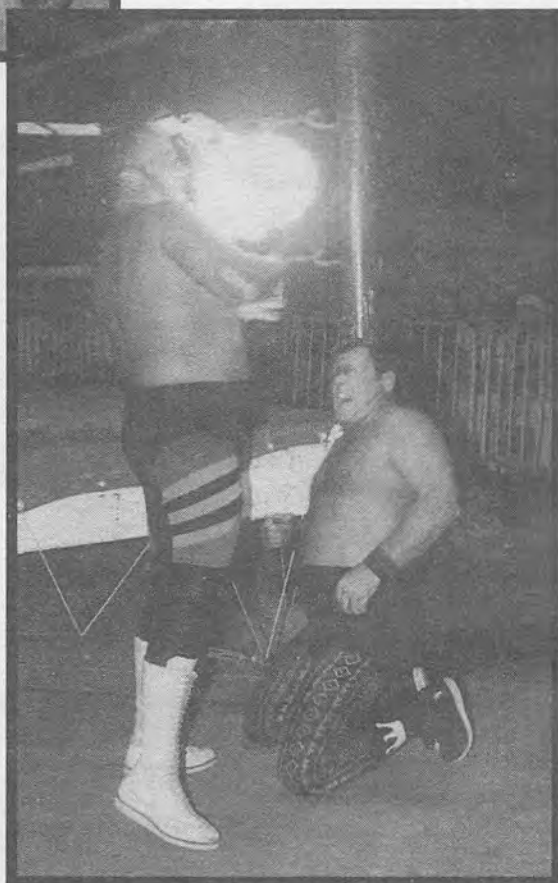
And then it all ended.

The McMahon-Lawler match never happened.

Six weeks later, Lawler was indicted on rape and sodomy charges in Louisville, Kentucky. He was eventually cleared of all charges.

One week after that, a federal grand jury indicted McMahon on charges of possession of anabolic steroids and conspiracy to distribute them. He, too, was eventually cleared of all charges.

In the meantime, however, legal problems overshadowed everything else for McMahon and Lawler, and their hard feelings were put aside. The dream matchup between Lawler and



Could McMahon withstand a blast of fire from "The King"? Would Lawler have the nerve to even try such a brutal maneuver against the man who could easily have him—\*ahem\*—fired from his job?



McMahon never happened. More than a year later, it was all but forgotten.

"I think McMahon and I both had other things on our mind for a long while," Lawler said. "But things are different now. If you're asking me, no, I haven't forgotten what happened and how he cost me the title. Yes, I still think he's a coward that doesn't have the guts to wrestle me face-to-face. That's why he tripped me and attacked me from behind. And, yes, I'd wrestle him. In a minute...which is about how long the match would last, if *that* long!

"Let me say it right now," Lawler said, his voice finally rising as if he suddenly remembered all that happened in 1993. "I challenge that WWF wimp to get into the ring with me and wrestle me, man-to-wimp. No cornermen, no interference. Just me and him. Remember what happened the last time I wrestled a wimp who didn't belong in a wrestling ring?"

Lawler is, of course, referring to his "matches" a decade ago against comedian Andy Kaufman. But we won't talk about those here. Instead, let's point out that Lawler is a proud man who takes wrestling seriously and has no room for outsiders like McMahon.

McMahon? An outsider? Yes. In the world of professional sports, anyone but an athlete is considered an outsider by the competitors.

"McMahon's an outsider. He lifts a few weights? Big deal!" Lawler said. "So he looks good in a suit. Let's see how far that can get him in the ring. The fact of the matter is that McMahon talks big and likes to throw his money around, but he has no guts. I saw how he was acting around [Bob] Backlund. When Backlund lifted his right arm to scratch his fore-

head, McMahon jumped 10 feet like he was afraid of getting hit!"

WWF insiders told *INSIDE WRESTLING* that McMahon is aware of Lawler's challenge and is deciding whether to accept it.

"It's a serious deal for McMahon," one source said. "He isn't sure he wants to dredge up old differences with Lawler. On the other hand, he's a proud man and he doesn't want it to look like he's backing away from a challenge. Vince has serious distaste for Lawler, and he'd like to teach him a lesson. He just doesn't know if he can."

Lawler, a former AWA World champion and a future Hall of Famer, would be an overwhelming favorite against McMahon. Maybe it wouldn't be the matchup of the century, but it sure would be fun to watch! □

**Lawler would welcome the opportunity to choke McMahon against the ring barrier, as he does here to Bret Hart.**

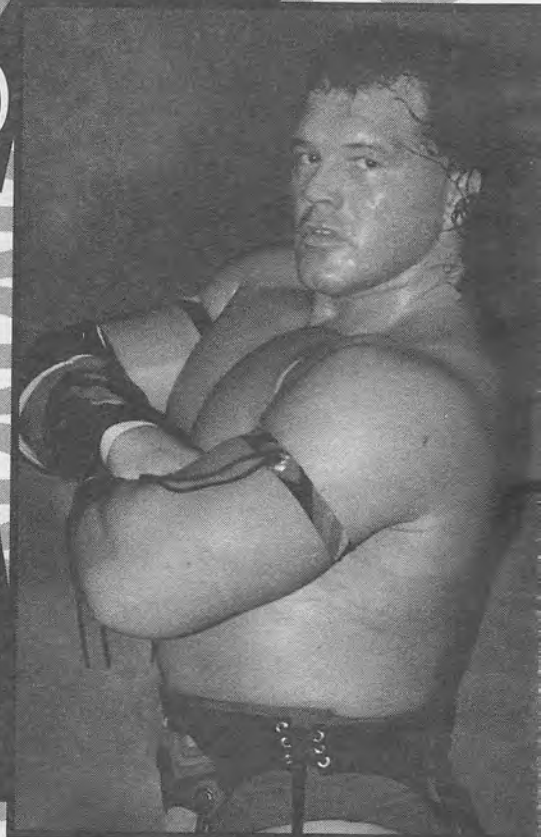


# GOOD GUYS



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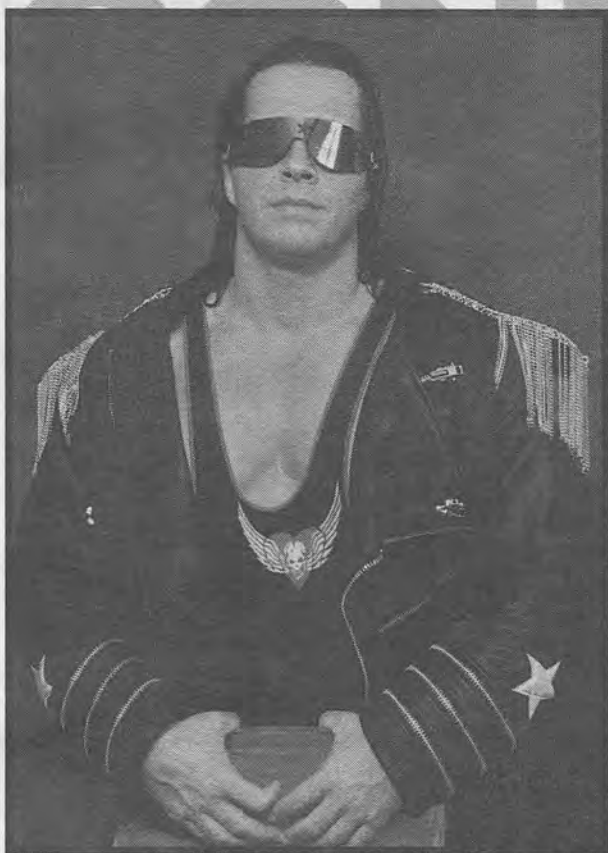
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"The last year was a very tough year for rulebreakers," said broadcaster Gordon Solie, who has covered the sport for more than 35 years. "It concerns me. I've always felt there are two types of wrestling fans. There are the ones who really

become a part of the wrestlers' lives, and wrestlers are the only



Lex Luger (above) and Razor Ramon (right) are two of Bret Hart's allies in the WWF, but not long ago, he battled both when they were rulebreakers. Those rivalries could soon be renewed if "The Hitman" turns bad.

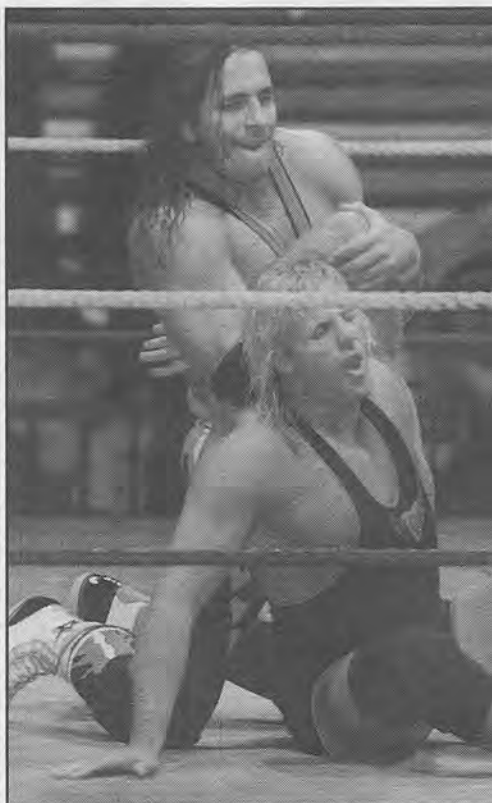
And take Tatanka, the Native American who was a wonderful role model because of his work ethic and the way he went about his business. He was the classic fan favorite.

Or so we thought.

In a matter of months, wrestling fans watched two of wrestling's greatest heroes turn against them, betraying not only the fans but their families, their pasts, and themselves. Tatanka shocked the wrestling world by attacking Lex Luger and joining Ted



love the sport and will follow it no matter what. Wrestling is the only sport that really lets the fans



Bret has shown frustration in his many battles with his brother Owen and some observers have detected subtle changes in his wrestling style and attitude. After seeing many of those close to him turn bad, he could be questioning his own character.

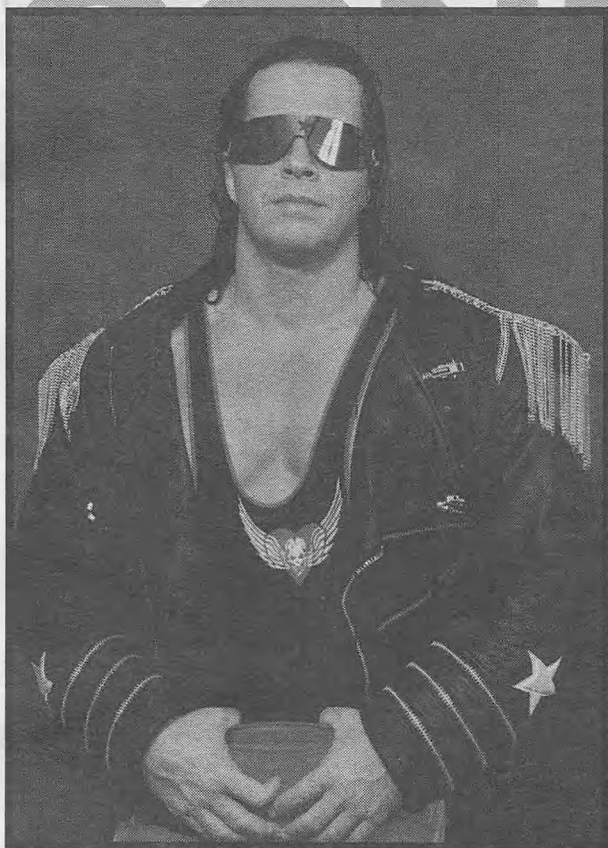
athletes I know of that aren't afraid of giving their opponents ammunition for the chalkboard. These people give their hearts to certain wrestlers, but they don't let go of the sport just because a fan favorite becomes a rulebreaker. They keep following it.

"But then we have the other type of fan, the one who maybe was channel surfing one day and he came upon a particular wrestler who he liked. Well, this fan isn't going to keep watching wrestling when his favorite becomes a rulebreaker. He's going to feel betrayed and switch to another sport.

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"The last year was a very tough year for rulebreakers," said broadcaster Gordon Solie, who has covered the sport for more than 35 years. "It concerns me. I've always felt there are two types of wrestling fans. There are the ones who really

become a part of the wrestlers' lives, and wrestlers are the only



Lex Luger (above) and Razor Ramon (right) are two of Bret Hart's allies in the WWF, but not long ago, he battled both when they were rulebreakers. Those rivalries could soon be renewed if "The Hitman" turns bad.

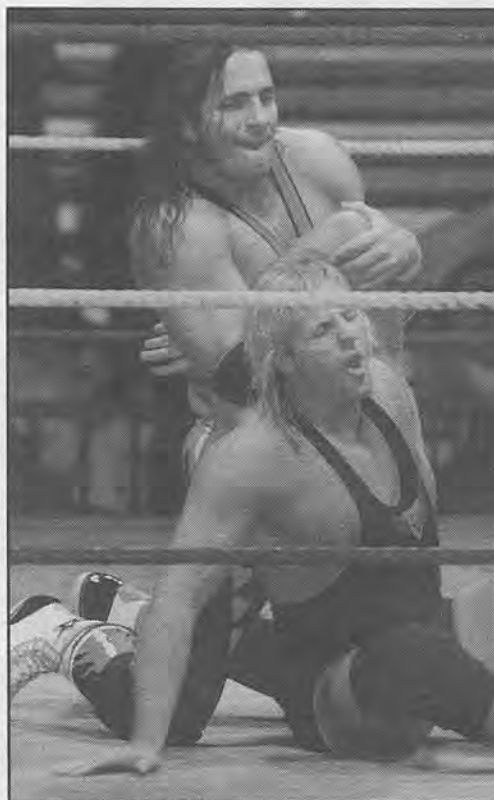
And take Tatanka, the Native American who was a wonderful role model because of his work ethic and the way he went about his business. He was the classic fan favorite.

Or so we thought.

In a matter of months, wrestling fans watched two of wrestling's greatest heroes turn against them, betraying not only the fans but their families, their pasts, and themselves. Tatanka shocked the wrestling world by attacking Lex Luger and joining Ted



love the sport and will follow it no matter what. Wrestling is the only sport that really lets the fans



Bret has shown frustration in his many battles with his brother Owen and some observers have detected subtle changes in his wrestling style and attitude. After seeing many of those close to him turn bad, he could be questioning his own character.

athletes I know of that aren't afraid of giving their opponents ammunition for the chalkboard. These people give their hearts to certain wrestlers, but they don't let go of the sport just because a fan favorite becomes a rulebreaker. They keep following it.

"But then we have the other type of fan, the one who maybe was channel surfing one day and he came upon a particular wrestler who he liked. Well, this fan isn't going to keep watching wrestling when his favorite becomes a rulebreaker. He's going to feel betrayed and switch to another sport.

"In my opinion, it's bad for wrestling when fan favorites like

Backlund and Tatanka turn bad. It's bad for all of us."

Fans shudder at the mere thought of Hulk Hogan becoming a rulebreaker—which seems very unlikely at this point—or of what would happen if Sting turned

started to get to him. All I know is that he's not the same Bret he was before. He's quieter. Different."

Bret Hart as a rulebreaker wouldn't be a new concept. He was a rulebreaker for years as a member of The Hart Foundation with Jim Neidhart and manager Jimmy Hart. Bret's change to fan favorite was so thorough, however, that most people have forgotten "The Hitman's" darker days. He has become one of the most popular men in the sport and the most popular man in the WWF. The feud

when he says he has detected subtle changes in Bret's demeanor. The changes seem to have started when Bret began wrestling Neidhart in singles matches. Although Bret won most of these matches in decisive fashion, he was bothered by the idea of battling his brother-in-law and former teammate. The more Bret and Neidhart wrestled, the more "The Hitman" realized he wasn't much different than "The Anvil." Now it's only a matter of how Bret acts upon his emotions.

Bret might not change from good to bad. He could remain loyal to his family, friends, and fans. And, most importantly, to himself. Bret has invested too much in his singles career as a fan favorite to throw it all away now. People love him.

"My son is the one of the most trustworthy people I know," said Stu Hart. "People might think I'm biased because I'm Bret's father, but what I say is true. He cares about the fans. He cares what they think of him. Winning matches and titles isn't really enough for him. At this stage in his career, I think he would rather lose than win matches by cheating."

He paused.

"Of course, I used to think the same about Owen, but that all changed ... but I'm sure Bret would never do what Owen did."

Or would he? Backlund did it. Tatanka did it, too. These days, we can't trust anyone. Can we trust someone like Bret Hart?



A little more than a year ago, Bret wasn't too amused by the antics of Doink. If the idea of Bret turning rulebreaker sounds farfetched, remember that the same could have been said of Bob Backlund and Tatanka a few months ago.

against the fans. As for WWF fans, a turn by one fan favorite would shake the very foundation of the federation and the sport itself.

What if Bret Hart turned bad? It could happen.

"Bret's been a little ornery recently," said a WWF fan favorite who requested anonymity. "He's a little frustrated. He sees all these people who were close to him turning bad and now he seems to be questioning himself. That could be bad. I don't know if he's tired or just a little sick of the feud with Owen, or maybe being champion

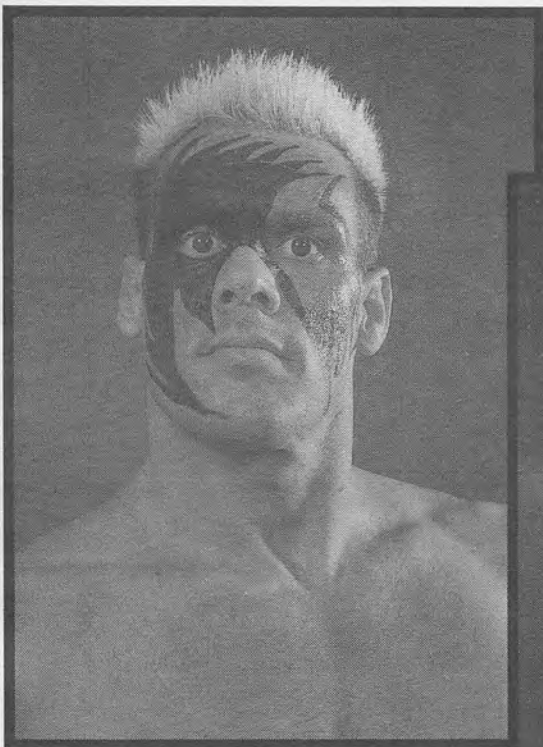


Bret was a rulebreaker as recently as 1993. He used foreign objects and all kinds of dirty tactics to beat Jerry Lawler in Memphis. He even took on the hated Bert Prentice as his manager for several matches.

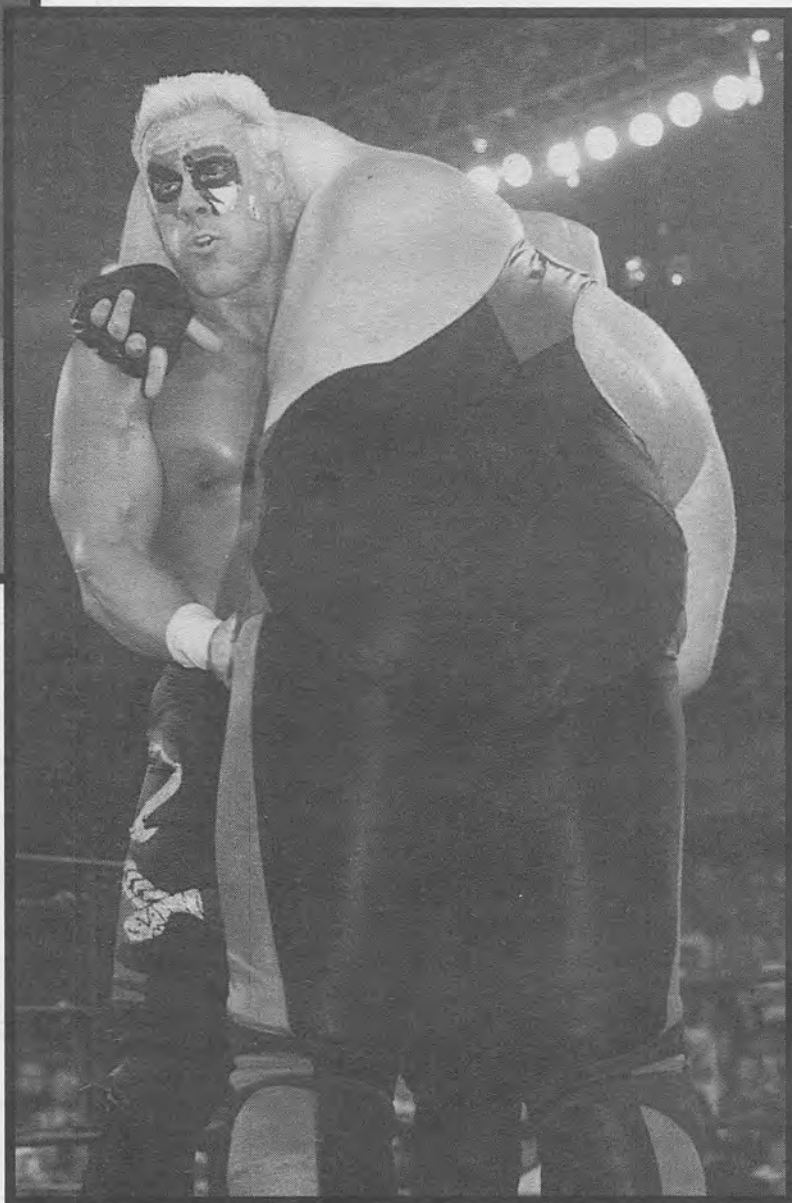
with Owen only reinforced that popularity.

Unfortunately, the WWF fan favorite we spoke to is correct

# "THE MEDIA IS



"The media is  
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even give me  
the time of day."



Don't ask Sting what's wrong, the "Stinger" says, "Nothing's wrong." The popular superstar says he's wrestling as well as ever (here, against Big Van Vader at Fall Brawl).



# RUINING MY CAREER!"

*[Editor's note: In late October, the editors of INSIDE WRESTLING received an unexpected phone call from Sting. The "Stinger" was angry, and he didn't hide his emotions on the phone. "Guys, I don't like what you've been writing about me. I want equal time." We readily gave him the space requested; we'll leave it to Sting to make his point on the following pages.]*

## By Sting

**Y**OU KNOW SOMETHING, I don't like to think of myself as a media-basher, and I don't think I've been one, either. In fact, I think I've always been pretty cooperative throughout my wrestling career. Whenever a reporter comes up to me with a question, I try to make time for him. Even if I'm really busy, I'll always answer a question on the run or tell the guy, "How about if we do this a little later?"

I think the media appreciates that, or at least it's always seemed that way. It's like they say, one hand washes the other. I give them what they want, and they treat me fairly. I'll be the first to say that I couldn't have been as popular as I am right now if not for the good people in newspapers, magazines, and TV who've tried to project me in the proper light. I appeared on the

Vicki! show with Vicki Lawrence, and she was a doll. Bill Apter, Craig Peters, Dave Rosenbaum, Matt Brock—I consider them all friends.

But you know what they say, too: The media likes to build you up and tear you down. They giveth and taketh away. Unfortunately, that's what I'm start-



ing to see right now.

You know, I didn't hear one fan ask, "What's wrong with you, Sting?" until the media started questioning me. I'm even starting to notice now that the promoters aren't paying as much attention to me. Some say it's

Is Sting jealous of Hulk Hogan? No way, says the "Stinger," who says he suggested that Hogan join WCW when the two met in Japan last year.

because Hulk Hogan is in WCW. Sure, that has something to do with it, but I think what's really happened is the media is so transfixed by the "Hulkster" that they can't even give me the time of day. At least the right time of day, that is.

I'll say this: The good folks at INSIDE WRESTLING had the decency to give me this space, even though they're a big part of the problem. *The Wrestler*, *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, *Sports Review Wrestling*, *Wrestle America*, *Wrestling Superstars*, and especially that awful publication, *Wrestling Bad Guys*.

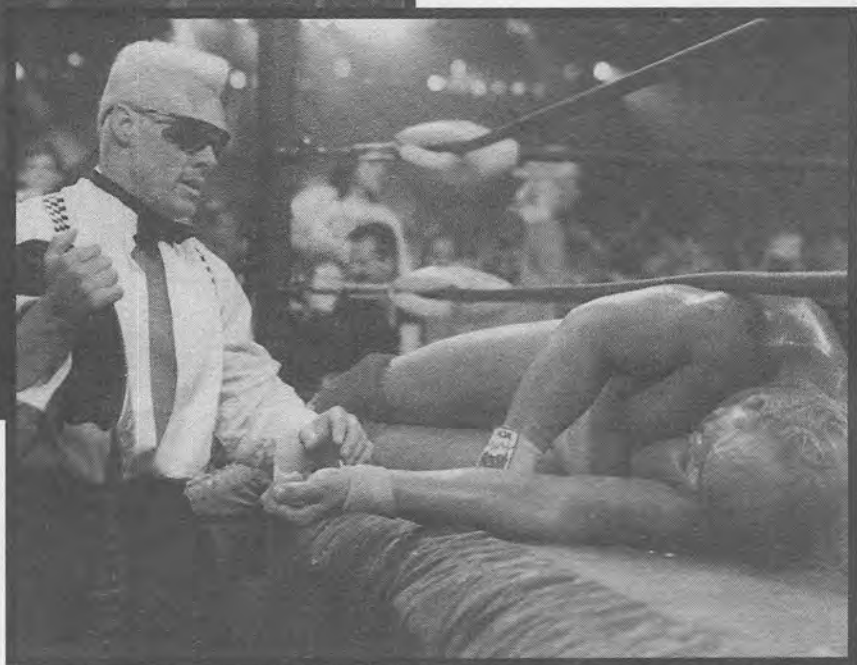
They're to blame, too, and so is the mainstream media.

They say I'm jealous of Hulk Hogan. Well, nothing could be further from the truth. If you remember correctly—or at least check out your back issues of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*—I was the one who first gave Hulk the idea of coming to WCW. I thought it would be good for the federation and all the wrestlers. I offered my hand to him in Japan, and hoped he'd accept it. I didn't realize there was a photographer from the U.S. standing right there. I swear. Next thing I knew, the picture of me and Hulk was plastered on the cover of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*.

But that was fine, because it got the idea into people's heads that it could happen. Fine. Now it's happened, WCW is having a great run because of Hogan, and everybody's happy. Flair's gone, Hogan's on top of the world, and the crowds are bigger than ever. Let me say this one thing: That makes me happy. What's good for WCW is good for Sting.



Sting and Hogan's friendly relationship is underlined by the facts that they worked together on the "Hulkster's" *Thunder In Paradise* program (above), and that Sting came to Hogan's defense at Halloween Havoc (right).



Jealous of Hogan? Nonsense! Hulk Hogan is simply the most famous wrestler that ever lived, and I'd love to one day be as famous as him. Do I aspire to Hogan's great heights? Sure, who wouldn't? Do I want to be like Hogan? No. I want to be like Sting. By calling me jealous, however, the media is changing my persona. I've actually had kids run up to me and say, "Stinger, why are you jealous of the 'Hulkster'?" Then I have to explain to them that Hogan is a friend and I'm not jealous.

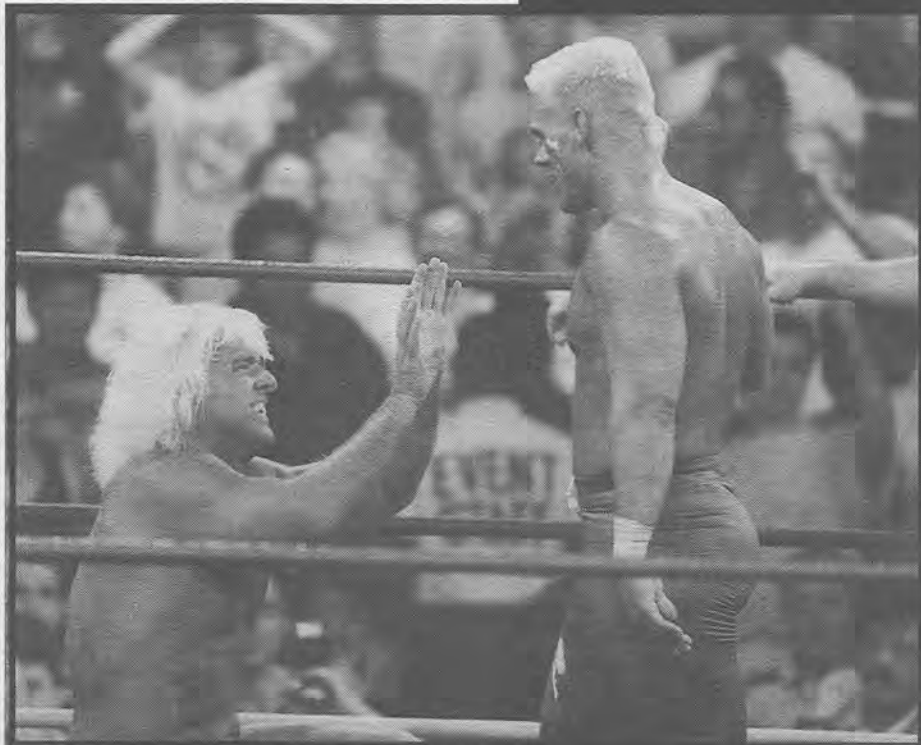
I'll tell you, sometimes I think the media is ruining my career. Like they take things out of context, chopping sentences in half and making things sound worse than they really are. I never realized it until now.

Let me tell you something: The jealousy bit I can handle, because it just isn't true. But there's something else that bothers me even more.

I think I've had a pretty good career so far, and the best is yet to come. I've already won three WCW World titles, and at my current rate, I think I can one day threaten Flair's number. Ten or 11 is not out of the question. I'm young, and I'm in relatively good shape, even though I've had several injuries; hey, Flair busted his back in a plane crash and came back to become a legend.

That's why I don't understand all the talk about me not winning a title for a long time. A long time? What's your definition of a long time? March 17, 1993. That's when Vader beat me for the belt in England. I don't know what you readers think, but to

me, 22 months isn't a long time when you're talking about the greatest championship in the world and the greatest wrestlers going for it. Vader, Flair, Hogan, me. We've been passing that strap around pretty good, and I don't think anyone in this federation can say they own the belt. Not even Hulk. If someone had said to me six years ago, "Sting, you're going to be WCW World champion every other year," I would've said, "Fine. That's great. I don't believe it."



The "Stinger" won the NWA World title from Ric Flair in 1990, and asserts he still has quite a few titles left in him—perhaps enough to match Flair's trophy case!

So give me a break, guys. In fact, give it a rest and start talking about someone else. The competition in WCW is too tough these days for anyone to dominate the title, and that means everyone's going to go into a slump every once in a while. That's just the way things are. I guarantee you, I'll be WCW World champion again by 1996.

Even the media can't stop me from doing that. □



# WOMAN

## "I THRIVE ON THE VIOLENCE"

**T**HE SQUARED CIRCLE has been graced by its share of femme fatales, but few have been more fatally attractive than Woman. Missy Hyatt, Dark Journey, Sunshine, Tammy Fytch, Dirty White Girl, Sherri Martel—Woman stacks up with the best of them.

You'll find Woman in Extreme Championship Wrestling these days, which is only proper, because Woman is certainly extreme. Extremely beautiful. Extremely devious. Extremely dangerous. Extremely detrimental to your health. If you're Tommy Cairo or Ms. Peaches, you know what Woman is all about. Once she used a Singapore cane to whack Peaches across the head; Peaches still has the bump.

Another Tommy—Tommy Dreamer—has been feeling Woman's wrath recently. Sandman and Dreamer have been battling in a series of matches with Sandman coming out on top in just about every one. Woman's had a lot to do with that.

But merely winning isn't enough for Woman, who likes to humiliate her foes. Consider the Singapore cane match between Dreamer and Sandman. The match stipulation was that the loser would get

caned by the winner. Sandman won, thanks to Woman's interference, and Dreamer decided to take his licks like a man. Big mistake. With Woman taunting him,

another?" he groaned to Sandman.

Of course, Woman just kept laughing.

It's true that men are blinded by beauty. There were at least five volunteers for the job of interviewing Woman in Philadelphia. The task fell to Managing Editor Dave Lenker, who reported, "She's certainly beautiful and very sexy, but she's a turnoff the instant she opens her mouth. The woman is evil incarnate."



Woman lights a postmatch cigarette for her Sandman, whose casual attitude given the brutality of his wounds is frightening...almost as frightening as his and Woman's enthusiasm for inflicting wounds on others.

Dreamer sustained 10 skin-tearing whips across the back.

"Bow down and kiss my feet and I'll make him stop," Woman said to Dreamer, who refused the out. "Thank you, sir, can I have

**Q:** When I was a kid, one of my favorite shows was *Batman*. Are you too young to remember that?

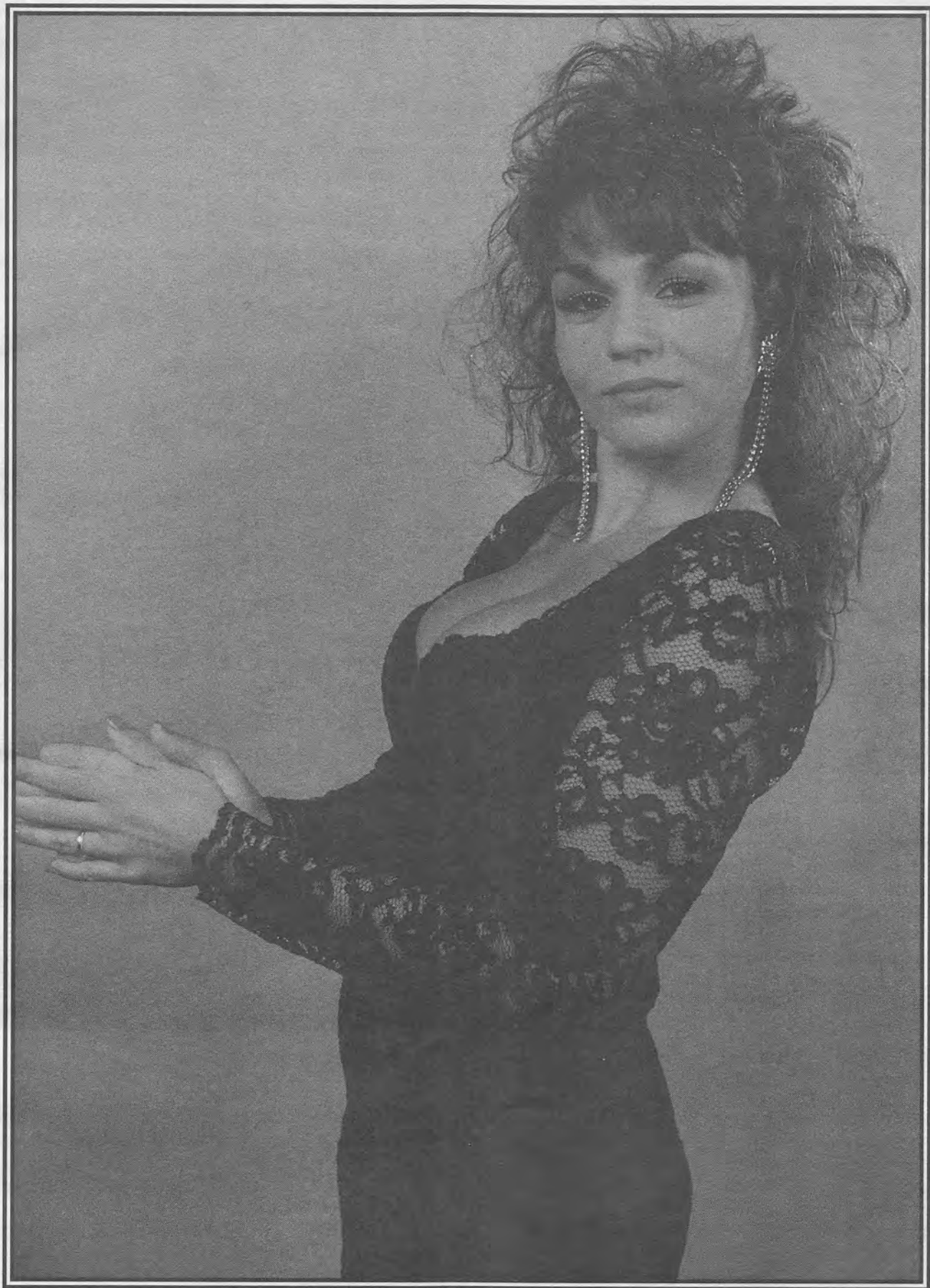
**A:** I've seen the show. Catwoman was my favorite. Now what's the point?

**Q:** That was my point. You remind me of Catwoman. Beautiful, dark, sexy, but dangerous.

**A:** Why, thank you. I'll take that as a compliment.

**Q:** That's not how it was given, but you can take it however you wish. My point is that you can't always tell a book by its cover.

**A:** Why, David, do I not look like the kind of girl your mother warned you about? Did the girls in private school dress like this? When was the last time



you saw a lady walking down the street with a cat-o-nine-tails? I don't think I hold any surprises for anyone, David. Men are just blinded by my beauty, and they refuse to look beyond what they see. Rick Steiner was stupid. Dreamer is even dumber. Stubborn, but dumb.

**Q:** Did you really expect him to get down on his hands and knees and kiss your feet? You must've known he'd *never* do that.

**"Do I not look like the kind of girl your mother warned you about?"**

**A:** Oh, really? Would that have been so horrible, to bow down and kiss a beautiful woman's toes? I don't know how you look at things, David, but most of the men I know would love to worship a beautiful woman rather than get whipped across the back with a cane. Unless, of course, you're a little kinky. Are you, David? Are you a little kinky?

**Q:** I don't think I have to answer that. How about you? Are you a little kinky?

**A:** I'd say I'm a *lot* kinky, and so would Sandman. We're birds of a feather, so to speak. And I will say this: I enjoyed watching Dreamer suffer far more than I would have enjoyed him kissing my feet. Every whip was positively delicious. When that cane cut his skin and blood started flowing, I thought I was going to faint with delight.

**Q:** That's disgusting.

**A:** Disgusting for you,

maybe, David, but not for me, and there are a lot of people out there just like me.

**Q:** Unfortunately.

**A:** They just don't look half as good. I didn't just *like* watching Dreamer suffer. I *loved* it, and I'd gladly watch it again. I thrive on violence.

**Q:** You know what, Woman?

wrap them around 10 city blocks. Men don't like to admit that they love women like me, but they do. And it's when they start to give in to their impulses that they get themselves in big trouble. With me it's look now, pay later.

**Q:** So where does that leave Sandman?



You're *not* the kind of girl my mother warned me about. You're far worse. I thought I'd be taken by you, but I'm not. You're a user, and there's nothing appealing or sexy about that.

**A:** No? That's where you're wrong, David. Line up the men who have kissed the ground I walk on, and you'd have to

**A:** Sandman? Who knows? I can't live for tomorrow, David, I can only live for today. Who knows what my pleasure will be next week or the week after that or even tomorrow? Nobody knows.

**Q:** I'm sure Sandman would be very happy to hear that.

**A:** I don't think he cares. In





Those who were in attendance at ECW Arena the night Woman caned Ms. Peaches say Woman's squeals of delight were louder than Peaches' howls of pain.

fact, I think he feels the same way I do. We're not into commitment, we're into having fun and making people feel pain. It doesn't matter if it's Cairo or Dreamer or somebody else, somebody pays the price whenever they cross us. And you know what? Sometimes it has nothing to do with crossing us, sometimes we just do it for fun. We go looking for trouble and see what we can find. It has nothing to do with revenge, but it has everything to do with pleasure!

**Q:** I think that if I was Sandman, I'd watch out.

**A:** There's nothing for him to watch out about, because he doesn't care, and I don't care. Neither of us care, and that's what makes us dangerous. You see, Dreamer can't understand that. He can't think along our lines. He thought he wasn't giving in to me by not kissing my toes, but it was just the other way around. Either way, we were going to have our fun. Dreamer thought he could win one way and lose the other, but it didn't work like that. Believe me, Sandman and I had a good time laughing that one off!

**Q:** Doesn't it bother you that

none of Sandman's victories come fairly? They're always by cheating or interference?

**A:** Doesn't bother him, doesn't bother me. We're not in this for the bottom line.

**Q:** And if they decide to throw you out?

**A:** Doubtful. That's what ECW is all about. Anything goes, even me. Violence brings in fans and fans pay money. Did you see the way that crowd reacted when Sandman was whipping Dreamer? I saw a lot of disgusted people, but I didn't see anybody going to the restroom or the concession stands, and I sure as hell didn't see anyone turning their heads away. The people got what they wanted to see, and that's what they'll always get from me. Even if they won't admit it.

**Q:** Incredible. But wouldn't you like to manage a champion or at least a contender? Doesn't any of that stuff matter to you?

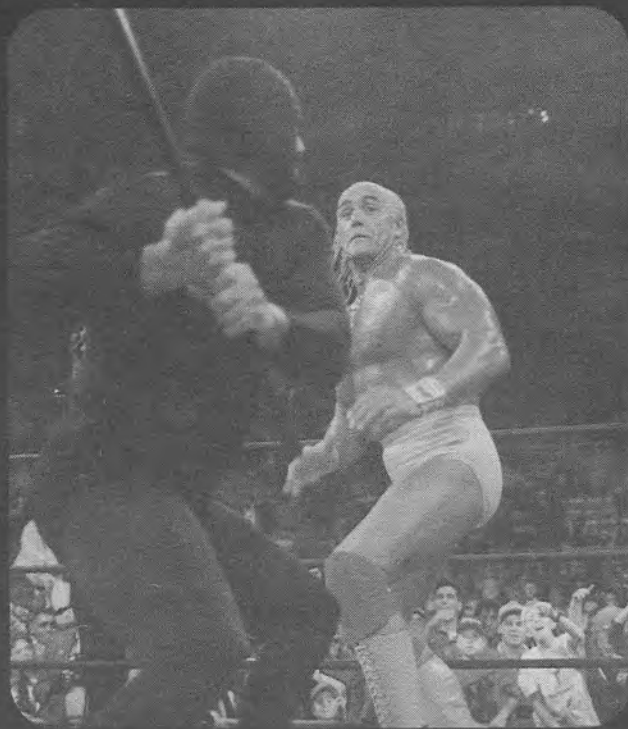
**A:** None of it. I told you before, I love violence. Watching it. Inflicting it. Even enduring it, if the mood is right. Titles are too...too...materialistic, and I'm not a materialistic person. I'm more spiritual. That's why Sandman likes me. I exist at a higher level. I can't be concerned with the arbitrary standards people make up.

**Q:** So why get involved with wrestling?

**A:** I told you. Can't you understand me? For the violence. The thrill. The rush. Believe me, honey, there's plenty of that in this line of work. I can't think of anything better.

**Q:** So we're probably going to have you around for a while, aren't we?

**A:** A good long time, or as long as I feel like it. There are no time limits here. The only thing that matters is that Dreamer's hurting. Then everything's fine. □



# WHY BRUTUS THE BUTCHER DROVE HIS KNIFE INTO HULK'S BACK!



By Dave Rosenbaum

**W**HEN HULK Hogan's greatest moment of glory shockingly turned into his greatest moment of grief, the collective memory of the wrestling world undoubtedly

recalled July 1990. It was then, with Brutus Beefcake confined to a hospital bed, his face horribly scarred because of a devastating parasailing accident, that Hogan sat vigil for his childhood friend.

Nothing about Hogan's vigil was particularly brave or unusual. He



The sequence of events that changed Hulk Hogan's life: As he posed for his fans after beating Ric Flair, a masked man entered the ring. Hogan stopped him before he could smash him with a metal club, then got ready to show the world who the assailant was. He was horrified to discover Beefcake under the mask.

was doing what anyone would do for a friend in need. Those days of sitting and waiting, however, went far to disprove the widely held belief that Hogan is a user who doesn't know the real meaning of friendship. Hogan and Beefcake were alone in that room and there wasn't a TV camera in sight.

There were plenty of cameras on hand at Joe Louis Arena on October 23, 1994, the night of Beefcake's greatest betrayal. Nearly 20,000 fans watched Beefcake's actions live. Hundreds of thousands more watched in disbelief on pay-per-view TV. Millions more learned of Beefcake's actions in the coming days and weeks.

Hogan was alone with Beefcake when he showed the meaning of friendship.

Beefcake showed his meaning to the entire world.

To most people, the two incidents are inextricably linked as proof that Beefcake is the worst

Benedict Arnold of modern wrestling times. It is one thing to turn against a friend, yet another to turn against a longtime friend who has wished nothing but the best for you, and has backed his words with actions.

Beefcake was acting out of bitterness with his various attacks on Hogan prior to Halloween Havoc. Hogan had just retained the WCW World title at the October pay-per-view event with a courageous, hard-fought victory over Ric Flair that forced the "Nature Boy" into retirement. Suddenly, a masked man stormed the ring. Hogan removed the mask, then wished he never had. It was Beefcake, of course, and he was then joined by Kevin Sullivan and Avalanche.

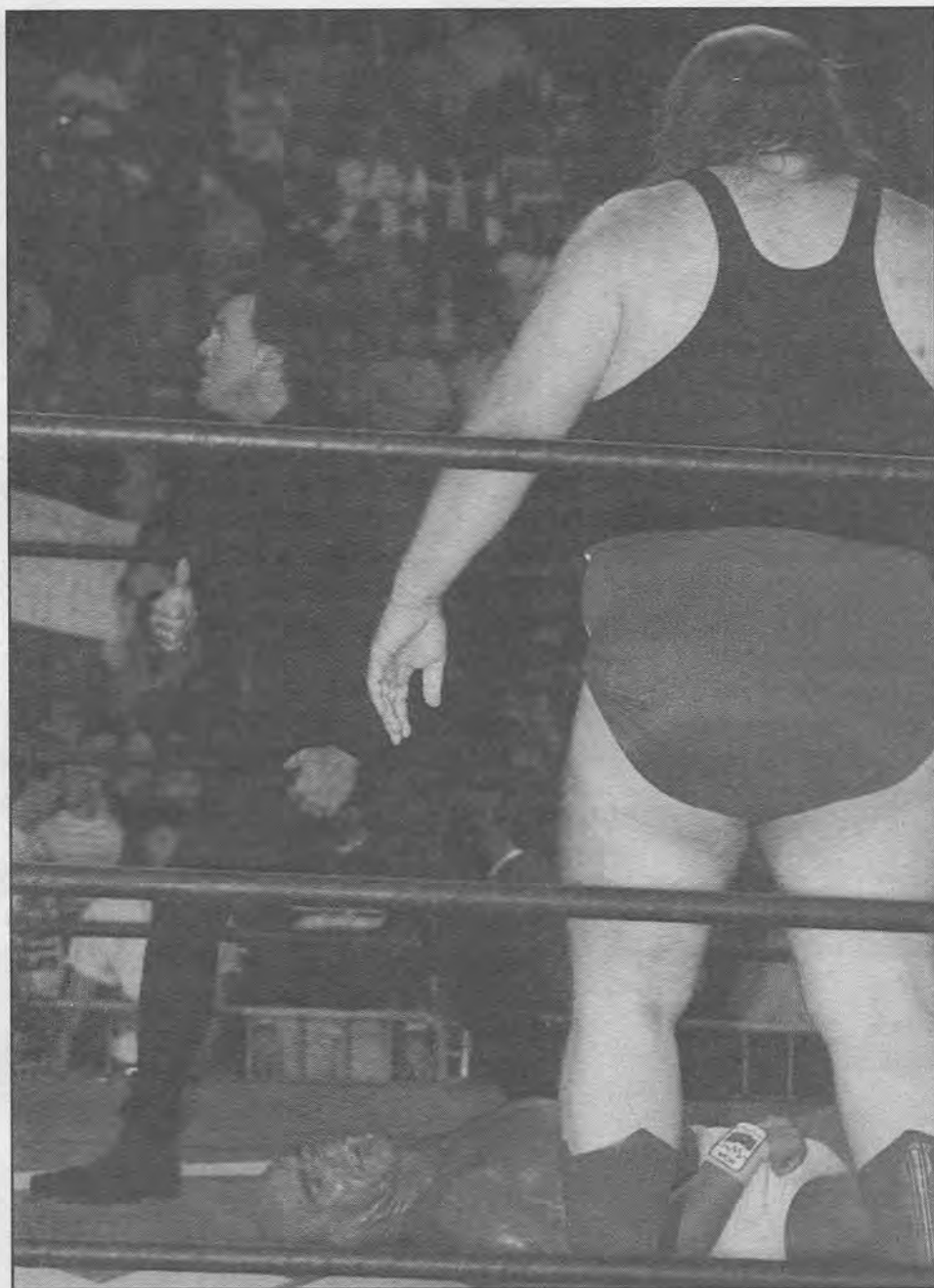
It was jealousy that drove Beefcake. Anger. Greed. The desire to avenge wrongs done to him by Hogan.

"The Butcher," formerly known as "The Barber," thinks he had plenty of reasons to drive his knife

**The wrestling world was shocked when the masked man who had been attacking Hulk Hogan proved to be Brutus Beefcake. But the real shocker comes with Beefcake's reason for this hideous betrayal. It had everything to do with revenge**

Photos by Brad McFarlin  
& John S. Pithers





Before Hogan could do any damage to Beefcake, Avalanche (formerly Earthquake), another enemy of Hogan's from his WWF days, attacked the "Hulkster," leaving him flat on the mat.

(once they would have been scissors) into Hogan's back. Beefcake attacked Hogan because he couldn't stand being the "Hulkster's" lackey for one more day.

Ever since July 4, 1990, when he suffered massive facial injuries in that parasailing accident, Beefcake's career has been on a steady downhill spiral. Even his triumphant return in February

1993 was spoiled when Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster attacked him. Beefcake then had the ignoble distinction of being part of one of Hogan's few negative WrestleMania moments, a tag team loss to Money Inc. at IX. Since arriving with Hogan in WCW last spring, Beefcake has been little more than the "Hulkster's" sidekick.

"Ever since the day of that accident, Hogan said he would help me come back," explained Beefcake. "Every damn thing revolved around him. I would be okay as long as he was there for me, as long as him and all his 'Hulkamaniacs' were praying for me. I was the one who went through all the rehabilitation. I was the one who had all those sleepless nights. I was the one who had to work so hard to get back into shape. But all I hear is Hogan this and Hogan that. I'm sick of it."

At the time of his accident, Beefcake was getting regular matches against then-Intercontinental champion Curt Hennig and winning most of them by countout or disqualification; it seemed only a matter of time before he won his first major singles title.

A few years later, everything had changed. Beefcake eventually got back into shape and started wrestling again. But Brutus wasn't the wrestler he was before the accident. If that wasn't frustrating enough, his relationship with Hogan took a turn for the worse, at least from his perspective.

According to sources close to Beefcake, Hogan started treating him like he was his personal assistant. He found odd jobs for his friend, like making his airline and hotel reservations. He hoped to keep Brutus' spirits high by making him part of his life.

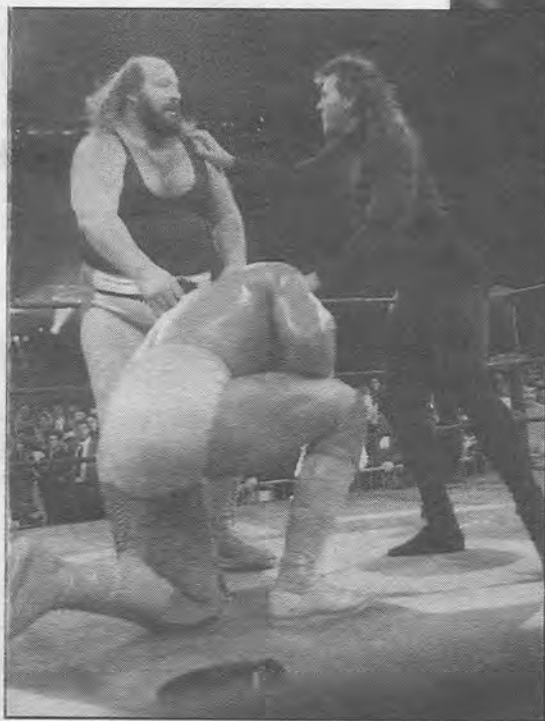
When Hogan got his own TV show, *Thunder In Paradise*, he

made sure there was a small part for Brutus.

"That was the last straw," said one source close to Beefcake. "Not only did he have Brutus running errands for him left and right before they got the show, but during breaks in shooting he had Brutus get him coffee and a danish. He'd tell him right in front of all the other actors. He was polite about it, but Brutus felt like he was his slave."

Hogan denies any of this happened, and it is possible Brutus and his friends are stretching the truth a bit here, but all that matters is that Brutus did feel slighted and he eventually took his frustration out on Hogan.

Maybe he did what he did in part to inject new life into a stagnating career. Five years ago, *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* readers made him the first runner-up in the vot-



Beefcake instructed Avalanche to anything he wanted to Brutus' former best friend, as long as it caused him pain. It didn't take much prodding to get the big man from Canada to comply with that request.



Avalanche had a big smile on his face as he set Hogan up for a mighty powerslam. Apparently, this whole attack was orchestrated by Beefcake, who felt Hogan had humiliated him for years.

ing for Most Improved Wrestler of the Year. Since he and Hogan left the WWF in 1993, he has been competing only on the occasional independent card—he is the heavyweight champion of the suburban Philadelphia-based

World Wide Wrestling Alliance—but has been forgotten by a lot of fans. He has their attention now.

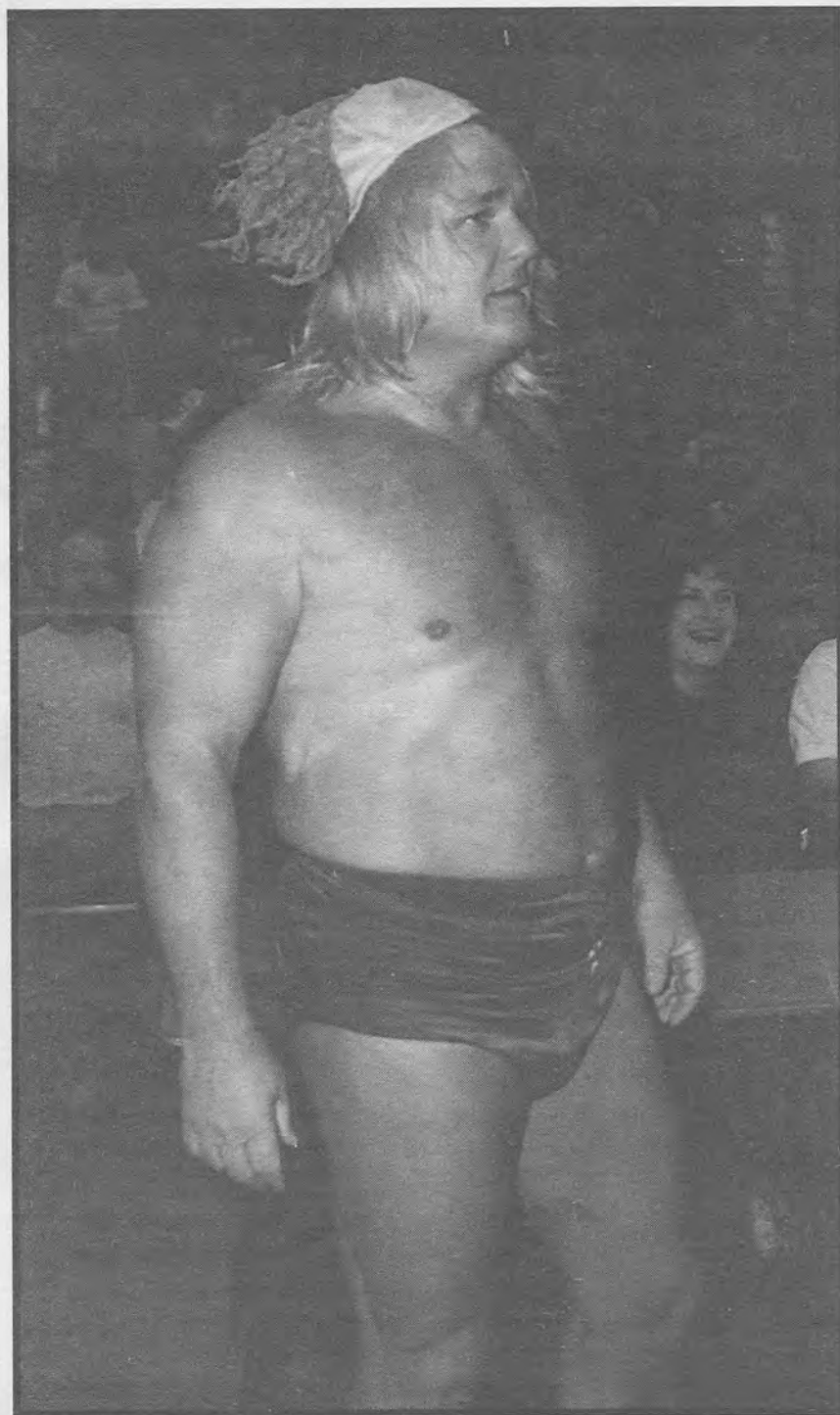
This change in Beefcake is

absolutely despicable when you consider that a friendship was brazenly tossed aside. Perhaps Beefcake's new supporters can make a case that he could never go far as long as he was Hogan's friend. Paul Orndorff, Randy Savage, and Andre the Giant, also once felt the same way.

We should pity Beefcake if that's what he was feeling. There is no price on friendship. Beefcake's betrayal was the dirtiest of them all. □

## GREG VALENTINE—CLOWN-TY HUNTER!

# “One Doink Down,”



Photos by John S. Pithers

Greg Valentine is on a mission to eliminate the circus atmosphere in wrestling.

Specifically, he is out to destroy the Doinks.

That may take a while: It seems like there are more Doinks (and Dinks!) all the time!

**By Chris Bernucca**

**T**HROUGHOUT HIS career, Greg Valentine has always been a no-nonsense kind of guy. His approach, whether in the big-time spotlight of the WWF and WCW or the isolated surroundings of the WWC and independents, is straightforward and businesslike.

Forget the costumes and entrance music and all that junk. (And forget his brief dark-haired and grossly uncomfortable tenure with Honky Tonk Man as the ill-fated tag team, Rhythm 'n' Blues.)



# Five Doinks To Go"

Valentine's attitude toward the sport boils down to this:

Let's get in the ring and let's get it on.

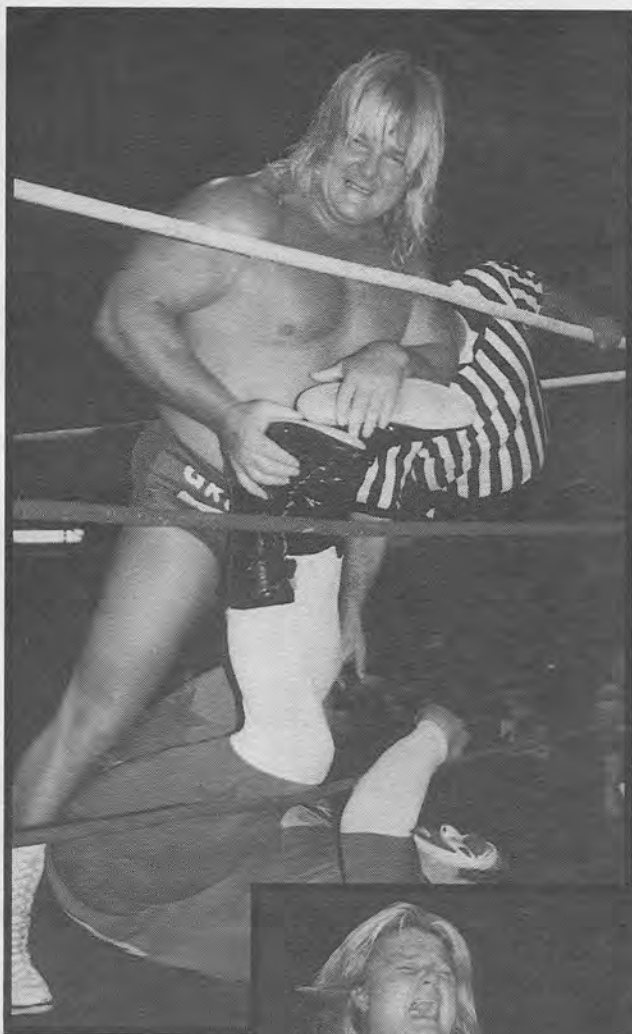
That approach has brought Valentine plenty of success, particularly in the WWF in the mid-1980s. Valentine held the Intercontinental title for nearly a year, and teamed with Brutus Beefcake to win the tag team title, a rare double in a highly competitive era.

Valentine is no longer a champion, but he is still wrestling in no-nonsense fashion on the independent circuit. But his unwavering approach remains a rarity in a sport that has evolved into one that too often favors gimmickry over grappling.

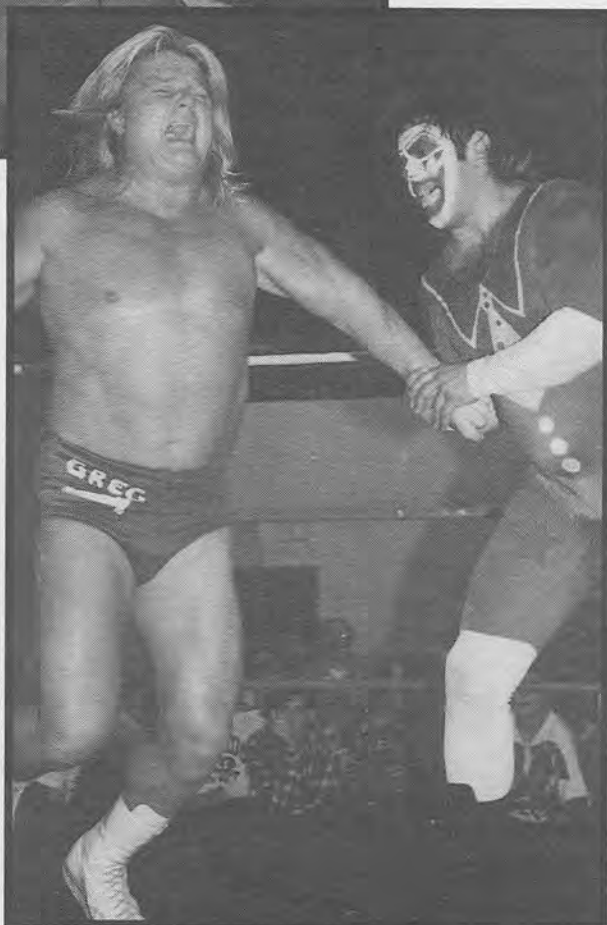
"This isn't a circus," Valentine said, "this is wrestling. You need a pair of tights, a pair of boots, and nerves of steel. Wrestling is about toughness and self-defense and mental preparation. I won my titles with talent and skill and smarts. I didn't need a water gun or a bucket of confetti to win matches. Nobody did. You get in the ring, they ring the bell, and you beat the snot out of each other until only one guy is standing. That clown crap is bush-league, totally bush-league. There's no place for it."

Valentine was referring to Doink the Clown, of course, whom he despises...of course. Doink made his debut in the WWF two





Greg Valentine has sworn to uphold wrestling's integrity—by destroying every Doink he can find!



Perhaps Valentine's crusade got the best of him, because Doink was able to maintain an advantage over "The Hammer," and even went on to win the bout!

years ago, and has become so popular that he has spawned an entire family of wrestling clowns. There are full-size Doinks and pint-size Doinks, WWF Doinks and independent Doinks. There are as many as six in wrestling right now, and their painted faces, brightly colored outfits, and pre-match and postmatch antics have become a pervasive factor in virtually every corner of the sport.

And Valentine, a dinosaur from a different era, doesn't like it. He wants to eliminate the circus atmosphere from wrestling, and intends to destroy all of the Doinks, one by one. Valentine has become a bounty hunter of sorts, declaring his own personal crusade against the clown element.

"If you come to the ring in a clown mask, you can bet Greg Valentine will be on your butt," Valentine said. "I'm going to embarrass every single Doink the same way they have embarrassed wrestling. And when I'm through, the only place you'll be seeing clowns is the circus."

The first battle took place at an independent card in Cleveland. It usually doesn't take much to get Valentine motivated for a match, and this was one he had been anticipating for a long time. In fact, he may have been a bit *too* motivated. Valentine was so intent on destroying Doink that he let his guard down and got himself squirted with Doink's water gun.

This was a major setback for Valentine, because he wanted to show up Doink with true wrestling skills and not give him the opportunity to turn the match into a practical joke. Instead, the joke was on him, as the fans joined Doink in pointing fun at Valentine. Now enraged, Valentine lost his cool, which allowed Doink to take control of the match.

"He should have been disqualified, plain and simple," Valentine said. "Foreign objects are grounds for disqualification. Because it was a water gun and not a pair of brass knuckles, everybody thinks it's okay for him to use foreign objects. You can bet that if I had hit him with a pair of brass knuckles, I would've been disqualified."

Valentine had no brass knuckles, but he did hit Doink with everything he had. However, his best move didn't involve any debilitating blow or his excellent figure-four, and didn't come within the ropes. At the outset of the match, Valentine ambushed Doink and pulled off his wig, achieving a victory of sorts.

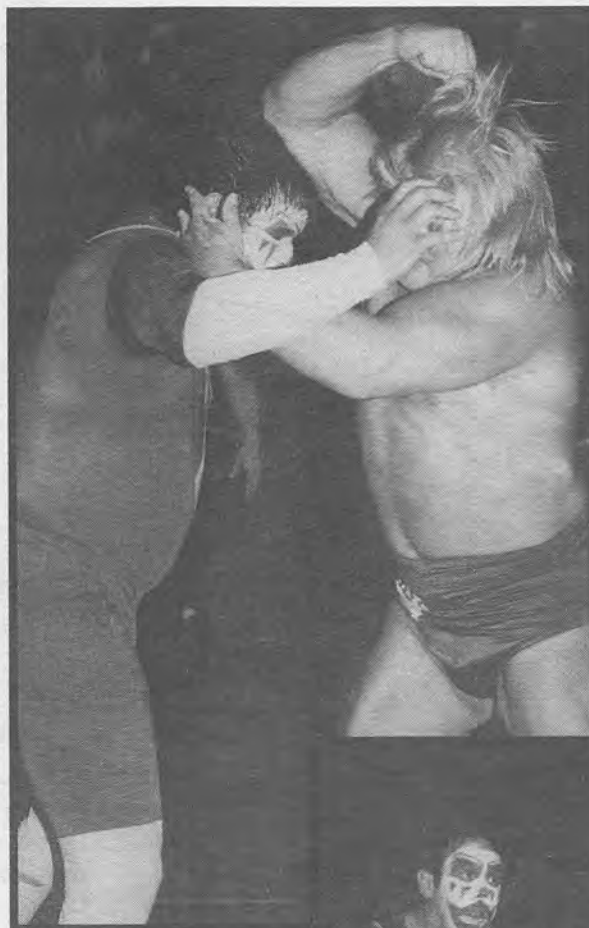
"I told you!" Valentine declared after the match. "I told you I would take care of him! Did you see his face when I pulled off his wig? I tell you, I thought we were going to see the tears of a clown right then and there! That's one Doink down, five Doinks to go!"

None of the reporters had the courage to point out that while Valentine did pull off the wig, he did not pull off the victory. Doink may have lost his wig but he didn't lose the match, winning by pinfall to avoid the humiliation Valentine had planned for him and his brethren. The fact that he had lost didn't affect Valentine's postmatch speech one bit.

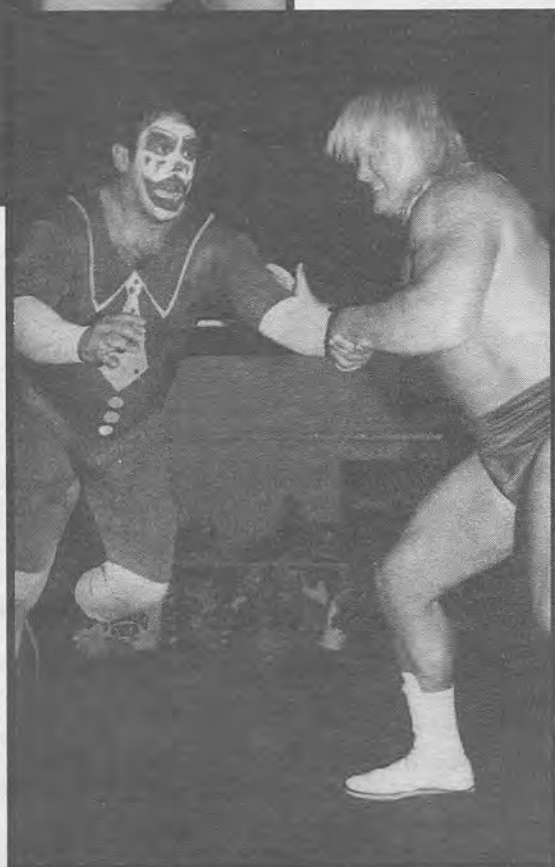
"I'm going to travel the country, looking for these Doinks," Valentine said. "I don't have anything left to prove in wrestling, so I'm going to preserve its integrity. It's a tough job, but I'm a tough guy, and somebody's gotta do it."

"I'm not going to stop with the Doinks, either," Valentine continued. "Once I get rid of those full-size fools, I'm going to go after the midgets, too. Dink, Wink, Pink, Stink, whatever their names are.

They're finished, too. And you can be sure of this: Greg Valentine doesn't clown around about *anything!*" □



Valentine's legendary elbowsmash is a weapon he's priming for all clowns in the sport. Yes, even the midget clowns, too!



After losing to Doink, is Valentine's campaign against the clowns over before it really gets started? No way, answers "The Hammer."



The telephone wires sizzle each month, as two top wrestlers voice their rage and hostility toward each other. Here's the unedited transcript of their conversation, your chance to feel the raw emotion that results when two antagonists face off ... **One On One**

**B**RET HART vs. Owen Hart, Eddie Gilbert vs. Doug Gilbert ... the war between the Sullivans is definitely not the first brother vs. brother feud wrestling has seen, but it may be the strangest.

Until early-1994, few knew that Kevin Sullivan had a younger brother who wrestled. Dave Sullivan had wrestled as *The Equalizer* for years before arriving in WCW in 1993. He met with little success as a rulebreaker, but changed his ways shortly after Kevin arrived several months later.

The elder Sullivan announced that *Equalizer* was his dyslexic younger brother Dave. Kevin and Dave started wrestling as a tag team and shocked everyone by beating then-WCW World tag team champs *The Nasty Boys* in several non-title bouts. They were preparing to wrestle Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs for the belts at Slamboree when Dave severely injured his knee in a locker room altercation with the Nastys.

Cactus Jack took Dave's place and he and Kevin won the title. That's when the trouble started.

When Jack and Kevin had disagreements, Dave was there to mediate. Kevin didn't like his brother's meddling and let him know by slapping or punching him.

The situation got worse when Hulk Hogan came to WCW. Dave was fascinated by the charismatic "Hulkster" and started calling himself "the ultimate 'Hulkamaniac.'" Kevin thought his brother was making a mistake and let him know, but Dave soon befriended Hogan; the two are now even occasion-

al tag team partners.

The Sullivans have since clashed in matches around the country. Their feud shows no signs of ending. Both men were willing to go at it ... "One On One."

**KEVIN SULLIVAN:** Well if it isn't my favorite brother Dave. I didn't know you learned how to use a telephone. Did you get your good buddy Hulk Hogan to dial it for you?

**DAVE SULLIVAN:** Kevin, I ... I wish you would stop insulting the "Hulkster." He's a good man, he really is. You just have to give him a chance. He's really great. He's won all these world titles and he loves all the kids and he gave me a pair of his boots ...

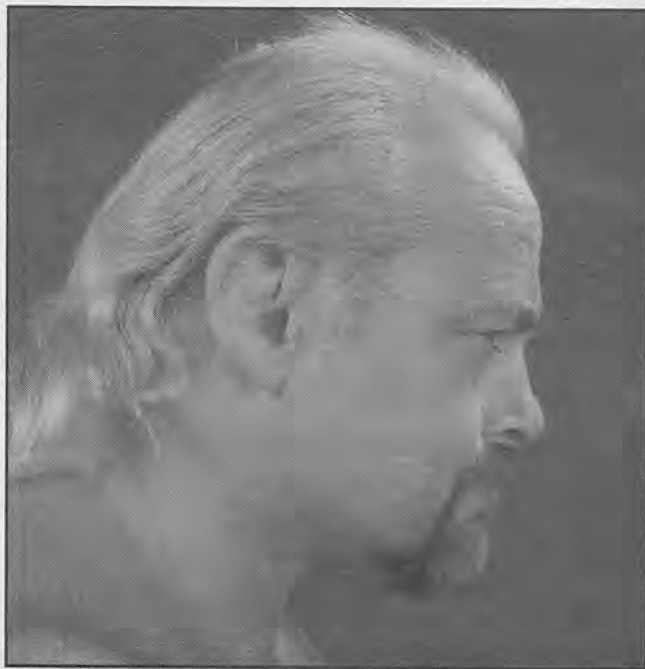
**KS:** Enough, you're making me sick. You're as bad as Hogan. You both

make me sick. This guy is the biggest fraud I have ever seen. He walks out of the dressing room and expects everyone to kiss his feet. At least he's original. I can't believe my own brother goes around imitating everything Hulk Hogan does and is proud of it. You're a disgrace to this family.

**DS:** Don't say that, Kevin. It's not very nice. Why can't you be like the "Hulkster." He's always nice to me. He gives me presents and everything. You saw my magic slippers. They're real nice, Kevin. The "Hulkster" wore those boots for some really big matches.

**KS:** Shut up, Dave! I told you before and I'm not gonna tell you again. Just shut up about Hogan! You don't know what the hell you're talking about.

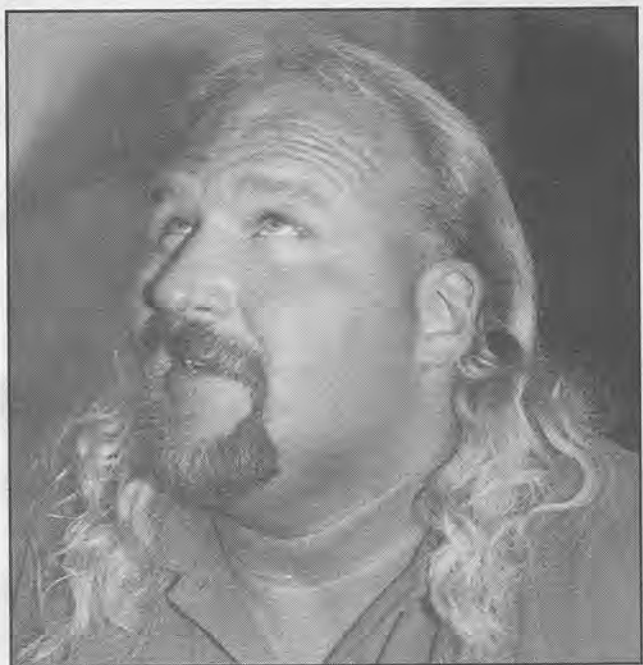
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"It's just like when we were kids, Dave. I'd always have to beat the crap out of you before you'd get my point. You know what, you're just as dumb now as you were when you were 10 years old."

—Kevin Sullivan

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**"I'm not afraid of you anymore, Kevin. I used to be when I was a kid, but I'm tougher now. I've been training with the "Hulkster" and the "Stinger." I've been takin' my vitamins, sayin' my prayers ..."**

**—Dave Sullivan**

**DS:** Why do you always have to get so mad at me?

**KS:** It's your fault. You should just keep your big mouth shut. I told you a long time ago to just keep your mouth shut and let me do the talking for you. You always get in trouble when you try to think for yourself. You're not smart enough to do that and look what a mess you got yourself into. Hogan has you following him around like a puppy. I'm not gonna bail you out this time.

**DS:** I don't like wrestling you, Kevin. You're my brother. We should get along. Hulk gets along with his family real good. But Hulk is teaching me a lot of moves. We're gonna beat you real good every chance we get.

**KS:** (Laughs) You scare me, brother, you really do. Let me give it to you

straight: You don't impress me at all. You're just like Hogan. Neither one of you is as good as you think you are.

**DS:** That's not true. The "Hulkster" ... the "Hulkster" is like, he's the best ever. He won six world titles. He's the World champion of all of WCW. No one is as good as him. Hulk rules. It's so great that him and Sting are my friends.

**KS:** Man, I can't believe it. It's just like when we were kids, Dave. You'd keep bothering me and I'd tell you to stop it, but you were too stupid to know what was good for you. I'd always have to beat the crap out of you before you'd get my point. That's what I'm doing now. You know what, you're just as dumb now as you were when you were 10 years old, maybe dumber.

**DS:** I'm not afraid of you anymore, Kevin. I used to be when I was a kid, but I'm tougher now. I've been training with the "Hulkster" and the "Stinger." I've been takin' my vitamins, sayin' my prayers ...

**KS:** Does he have you taking out his garbage, too? Walking the dog maybe? Scraping barnacles off of his boat? How about scrubbing his floors and cleaning his toilets? Those are the kinds of jobs someone like you could handle.

**DS:** You're just mad because I beat you at Halloween Havoc. You didn't think I could, but I did it, in front of all those people. They were all cheering for me, not you.

**KS:** Do you think I care who those people were cheering for? Do you think I noticed? I have been wrestling for 24 years. I won a lot of titles in those years and I didn't need any stupid morons screaming my name. I wrestle for myself and no one else. If you had half a brain, you'd do the same, but of course you don't have half a brain. In fact, I wonder if you have **any** brains.

**DS:** You're really starting to make me mad, Kevin.

**KS:** Now I'm in trouble (Laughs)

**DS:** I'm not makin' jokes, Kevin. If you think I gave you some tough matches so far, wait till I get my hands on you the next time. I'm not gonna hold back. I don't care if you're my brother.

**KS:** Don't forget that it's not only me you have to worry about. You have to worry about The Three Faces of Fear. I'm talking about me, Avalanche, and The Butcher. Watch your back, little brother. That's the opposite of your front, in case you didn't know.

**DS:** That was pretty mean, what you did to the "Hulkster" after he beat Ric Flair at Halloween Havoc. I'm glad the "Stinger" was there to help him out.

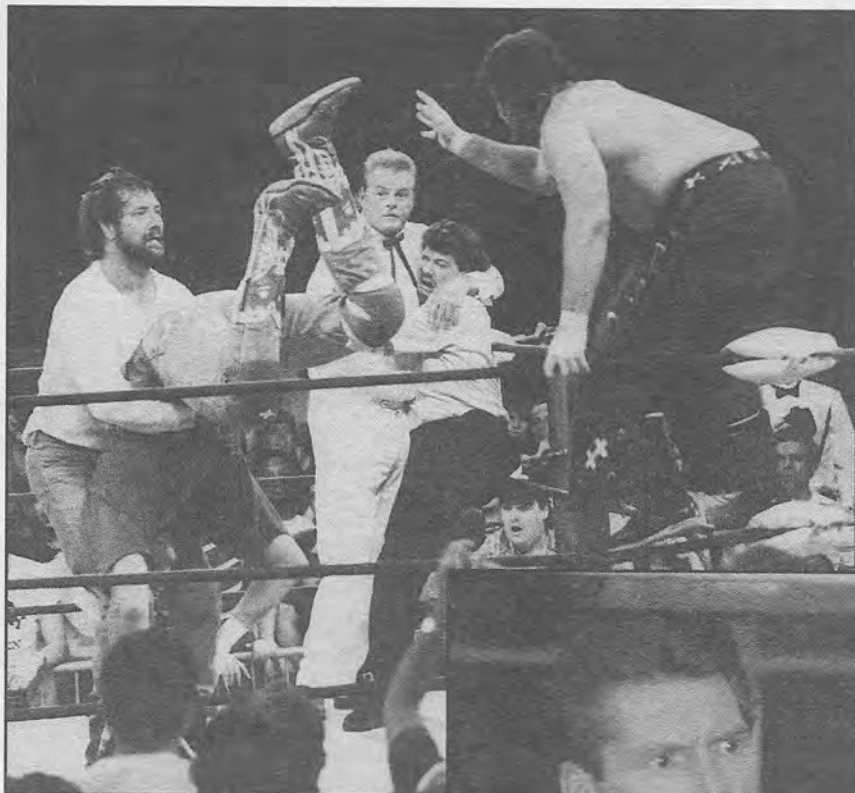
**KS:** That's Hogan for you; he always has to have someone bail him out.

**DS:** No he doesn't. The "Hulkster" is the toughest wrestler ever and he's the best friend I ever had. He even calls me "brother Dave" and ...

**KS:** Shut up, Dave. I'll do the rest of my talking in the ring. □

## Sincerely Yours

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Dustin Rhodes has no business battling Bunkhouse Buck, Terry Funk, and the rest of Col. Parker's Stud Stable all at once, according to reader Brian Walston. He suggests Rhodes try to outwrestle—not outbrawl—these men.

Anderson is the best brawler in the federation. Dustin shouldn't try to match brawling skills with him, or he'll be in serious trouble.

BRIAN WALSTON

Flint, TX

### TAKE 'EM ON, VINCE

It seems that Bob Backlund's latest antics have gotten to everyone, including Vince McMahon. I think that Vince has been in the broadcast booth for too long. He should put on a pair of tights and step into the ring. Vince is obviously angry that Backlund has



Bob Backlund has obviously irritated WWF head Vince McMahon with his new attitude. Reader Susanne Casey would love to see McMahon finally put on the tights and teach the former WWF World champion a lesson in the ring.

decided to take on the *entire* Stud Stable all at once!

Bad move, Dustin!

Col. Parker uses his head to get his men the win almost every time, and he leaves with pieces of Dustin's hide half the time. Dustin is a good wrestler, but he's not a great brawler like all the men in the Stud Stable. Dustin is playing by their rules, now, and that isn't how he won titles in the past. Arn

used his chicken wing on everyone from WWF employee Lou Gianfriddo to Arnold Skaaland. I've always wanted to see what the WWF head could do as a wrestler, and now, thanks to Backlund, he might finally put on the tights. If he does, I hope he breaks every bone in Backlund's body!

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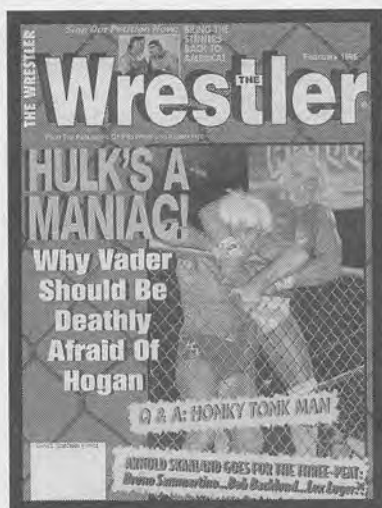
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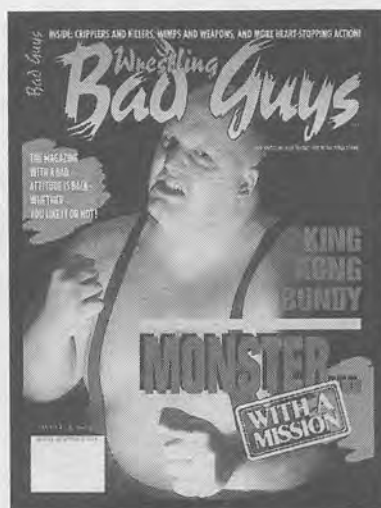


By now, you have probably read all the stories about how **HULK HOGAN** is terrified of **BIG VAN VADER** and doesn't want to wrestle him. But could it be the other way around? After watching Hogan's Halloween Havoc retirement match against **RIC FLAIR**, maybe *Vader* ought to be deathly afraid of *Hogan*! ... **ARNOLD SKAALAND** has felt the pain of his former protege **BOB BACKLUND'S** chicken wing. What would be the ultimate revenge? How about Skaaland managing **LEX LUGER**, one of Backlund's arch-rivals! It could happen! ... **PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY** is not a very caring man, but he recently showed a different side of himself when he tearfully vowed, "I won't let **SABU** commit suicide!" ... All this—and much more!—in the February 1995 issue of

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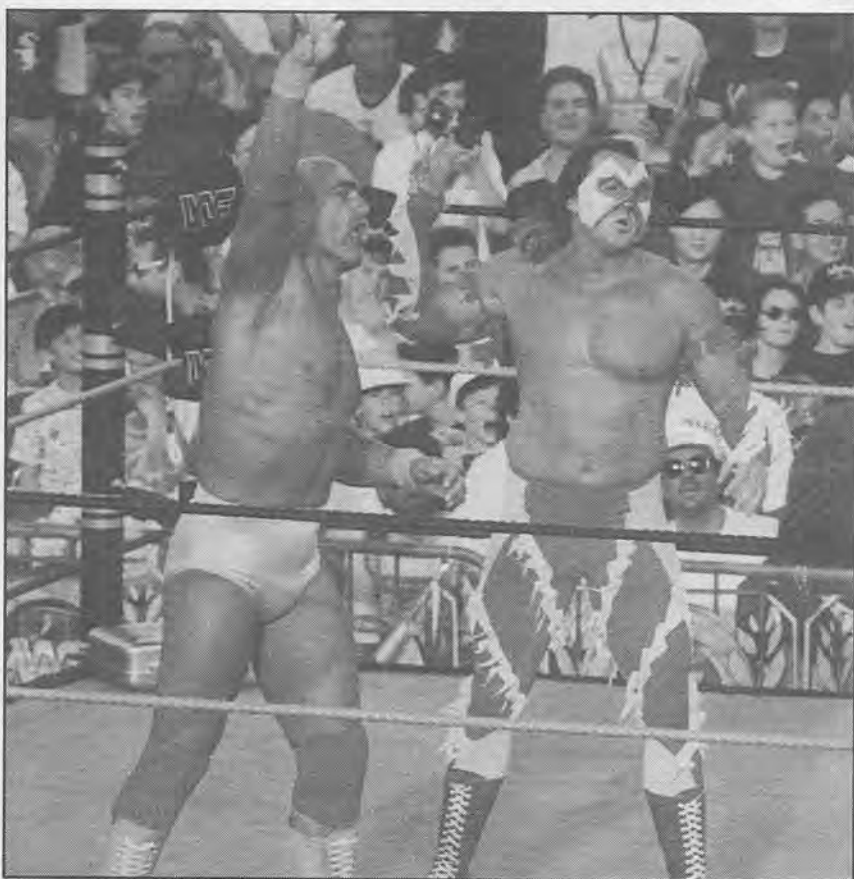
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Sting stood watch as an enforcer. And with so much at stake, Mr. T tried to make sure the match never got out of hand.

Until the end, of course, after Hogan had used his clothesline-leg-drop combination to send Flair into retirement. The postmatch pose-down that has become a staple of

with a warm heart. He is a good man who loves to make children smile. On his worst days, though, he is a self-centered, egotistical publicity hound with an eye on the bottom line.

But Hogan has never been described as a man who is less than loyal to those who have been loyal



When Beefcake was attacked by Money Inc., Hogan came out of retirement to help his friend battle that tag team at WrestleMania IX. Sadly, Brutus doesn't seem to remember those days and has shamelessly started a feud with Hogan.

Hogan's triumphs was interrupted by a masked man in a black outfit. The work of Flair, no doubt. But this time, perhaps anticipating some sort of subterfuge, Hogan caught the intruder dead in his tracks and unmasked him.

It was Brutus Beefcake.

On his best days, Hogan is a charismatic, enterprising champion

to him. That is one of the best qualities a human being can have, and it is a shame that Brutus Beefcake never fully grasped it.

Hulk Hogan can rest assured that he will never be described as another Brutus Beefcake. After years of being the faithful servant, Beefcake could no longer stand in the shadow of Hogan.

## The Insider

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guess the answer must be no."

**Question:** Considering the strike and the cancellation of the World Series, should baseball have even bothered to distribute its year-end awards?

Terry Funk answers: "Hell, no! It's like stopping a 12-round boxing match after six rounds and giving the victory to the guy ahead on points. Personally, I thought Barry Bonds was gonna come on like gangbusters for the Giants and make Jeff Bagwell's numbers look like a little leaguer's. He was gonna hit 50 homers and steal 50 bases. Had the season finished, he woulda a four-time MVP for sure. He's just as tough in baseball as the Funk boys are in wrestling."

**Question:** Should America maintain trade a relationship with China, even though China has been accused of numerous human rights violations?

Jim Cornette answers: "You have to look at the big picture. Yes, there is

a system of torture and repression inherent in Chinese government. But if we sell goods to them, it means jobs for our people here in America. The bottom line is always money, baby. It makes the decisions, not all these stupid politicians. They should let me run this country."

**Question:** Should Eric Clapton play old hits on his current tour, or stay with the songs that made him famous in the first place?

Hulk Hogan answers: "People don't like change, man. When they come to see the 'Hulkster,' they want to see power, they want the legdrops, the elbowsmashes, the clotheslines. I wrestle for the fans—all my 'Hulkamaniacs'—but I have to be my own man, too. I say, play the old ones, Eric Clapton, play them till it hurts, but it won't kill you to throw in one or two of the new tracks now and then, would it?"

**Question:** Do you think the marriage of Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley is for real?

Missy Hyatt answers: "I saw that big, sloppy kiss Michael planted on her at the Grammy Awards and let me tell you from mucho experience: That was no love kiss. It's a fake marriage, as phony as the thin nose on Michael's reconstructed face."

**Question:** Should dairy products be eliminated from the diet?

Abdullah the Butcher answers (through an interpreter): "While many people are lacto-intolerant and should avoid dairy products like cheese and milk, I believe eggs have gotten a bad health rap and should remain a staple part of the diet, along with chicken. Always plenty of chicken. Raw, of course. Eggs, too, are best enjoyed raw. They lose vitamins when they are cooked." □



Jim Cornette might make a fine ambassador to China. He had some pretty interesting insights into America's relationship with that country when I spoke to him. But I always knew ol' Jimbo was a smart guy.

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## Behind The Door

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Hogan might have been a better wrestler the night of Halloween Havoc, but is he a better overall wrestler? Who can really say?

line unless it doesn't mean anything to them. Why bother? Flair didn't have to agree to the retirement match. Neither did Hogan, who also was perfectly content to leave the ring and resume his movie career.

Who won? Who lost? Who knows? Hogan's still wrestling and risking life and limb. Flair's retired and living off the interest.

Retirement matches are even rarer in wrestling than loser-leaves-town matches. They're rare because every wrestler knows that anything can happen when he steps into the ring. Leaving town isn't so bad, because you can always wrestle in another federation. Risking retirement is just too big a gamble.

Flair and Hogan both took the

risk and rolled their career dice. What happened next had more to do with personality than ability, which is the reason it would be foolish to proclaim Hogan a better wrestler than Flair. Better on October 23, 1994, maybe. Better all-time? I don't know. Nobody does.

You see, once that retirement contract was signed, Flair vs. Hogan became a battle of egos. Perhaps you've been in this situation: You're playing a game of one-on-one basketball, but you have to be somewhere else in five minutes. You decide to lose the game on purpose. But, wouldn't you know it, you win. Your ego refuses to let you lose.

Although Flair and Hogan both have huge egos, Flair's ego is based on incredible self-confidence, while Hogan's is based on self-doubt. Hogan's always trying to prove himself. Flair knows he has nothing to prove.

The match stipulations of Halloween Havoc benefited Hogan because he was much less likely to let himself lose. Flair didn't care. Sure, he tried to win, but if he was really so concerned about regaining the WCW World title, he wouldn't have allowed Sherri and the masked man to interfere. Flair wanted to have some fun on his last night as a wrestler, so he tried to destroy Hogan.

Surely, Flair rested easier that night knowing Hogan won the match but lost a friend. The Brutus Beefcake incident couldn't have turned out better for Flair.

Happy retirement, "Nature Boy!" □

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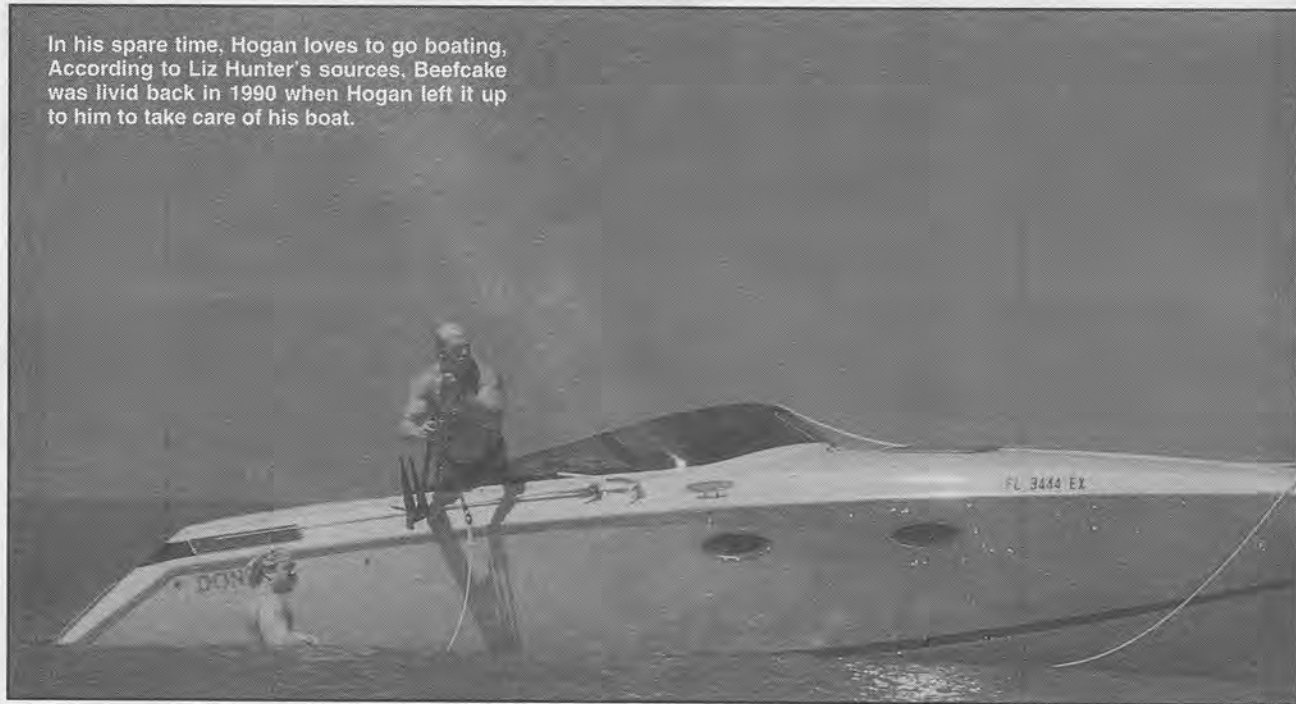
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## On Assignment

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In his spare time, Hogan loves to go boating. According to Liz Hunter's sources, Beefcake was livid back in 1990 when Hogan left it up to him to take care of his boat.



although, according to the nurses tending Beefcake, not everyone was mesmerized.

"The first month Beefcake was in inhuman pain," nurse Heather Janz recalled. "Breathing was difficult. The slightest movement created terrible suffering. We kept the television on to relax him, especially whenever Hogan was on, since we thought that might give Brutus the courage to keep fighting.

"One night during Hogan's speech, Beefcake mumbles—he was instructed not to talk, because talking was the most painful thing he could do. Still he keeps mumbling. I come close to him and he's telling me, 'Turn the damn TV off, turn it off, turn the damn thing off.'

"After I turned it off, he kept quiet. We never put it on again."

Nurse Janz' partner, Myra Davenport, has a similar story. "After two months, Brutus was allowed to have visitors for short

periods of time. Hogan visited when he could and always made sure the room had fresh flowers and Brutus' favorite foods. Once, when he came to visit, he came with a photographer. The next day, pictures of him at Brutus' bedside were all over the newspapers.

"I thought Brutus was going to cry when he saw the pictures. It was so touching. But then he motioned me over and whispered, 'I look so pathetic. Why does he do that to me?' I realized there was a lot of tension, old tension—hate even—between Brutus and his best friend. It was no secret. What's amazing is that it took this long to emerge."

When the dam breaks between best friends, everyone drowns. We see it happening today in the WWF with the Hart brothers. Owen grew tired of playing second fiddle to Bret. He wanted to lead. It wasn't a spontaneous decision. These things brew and

fester with time. Beefcake couldn't stand that his entire identity revolved around his relationship with Hulk Hogan.

"I've never gotten any credit for anything I've ever done," he said. "Even my recovery was credited to Hogan. It was his friendship and concern that pulled me through. What bull! I don't blame Hogan. I blame myself. No one kept me down but me. But all that's in the past now. Hogan knows how I feel about him. How I've always felt about him."

Is Beefcake proud of his tactics? "None of your business," he fumed. "It doesn't matter anymore. Change is the hardest thing a man can do. You get accustomed to a certain way of behaving and you're stuck. The only way to break free was to do what I did. It doesn't matter if it was right or wrong. Who cares? It's done. I'm out. I'm free.

"Let the consequences tumble, now that the truth is out." □



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## TOP 15

### 1—BRET HART

(2) WWF World champion

### 2—HULK HOGAN

(1) WCW World champion

### 3—RAZOR RAMON

(3) WWF Intercontinental champion

### 4—HACKSAW DUGGAN

(8) U.S. heavyweight champion

### 5—THE UNDERTAKER

(4) No. 2 contender: WWF World title

### 6—JOHNNY B. BADD

(11) WCW TV champion

### 7—BOB BACKLUND

(15) No. 3 contender: WWF World title

### 8—STING

(6) No. 6 contender: WCW World title

### 9—KING KONG BUNDY

(-) No. 4 contender: WWF World title

### 10—SID VICIOUS

(12) USWA heavyweight champion

### 11—BIG VAN VADER

(7) No. 4 contender: WCW World title

### 12—LEX LUGER

(9) No. 7 contender: WWF World title

### 13—TONY ANTHONY

(10) Smoky Mountain champion

### 14—STEVE AUSTIN

(-) No. 3 contender: WCW World title

### 15—SABU

(14) No. 1 contender: ECW heavyweight title

## WCW

### 1—HULK HOGAN

(1) 275, Venice Beach, CA

### 2—HACKSAW DUGGAN

(2) 280, Glens Falls, NY

### 3—JOHNNY B. BADD

(3) 235, Macon, GA

### 4—STEVE AUSTIN

(8) 241, Dallas, TX

### 5—BIG VAN VADER

(4) 450, Denver, CO

### 6—THE HONKY TONK MAN

(9) 278, Memphis, TN

### 7—STING

(5) 260, Venice Beach, CA

### 8—DUSTIN RHODES

(10) 254, Austin, TX

### 9—DAVE SULLIVAN

(12) 283, Boston, MA

### 10—BRUTUS BEEFCAKE

(-) 273, San Francisco, CA

### 11—THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

(7) 310, Cobb County, GA

### 12—ARN ANDERSON

(14) 249, Minneapolis, MN

### 13—KEVIN SULLIVAN

(15) 252, Boston, MA

### 14—JEAN-PAUL LEVEQUE

(-) 279, Boston, MA

### 15—BRIAN PILLMAN

(11) 226, Cincinnati, OH

## WWF

### 1—BRET HART

(1) 234, Calgary, Alberta

### 2—RAZOR RAMON

(2) 287, Miami, FL

### 3—THE UNDERTAKER

(5) 328, parts unknown

### 4—BOB BACKLUND

(4) 234, Princeton, MN

### 5—KING KONG BUNDY

(12) 446, Atlantic City, NJ

### 6—OWEN HART

(7) 227, Calgary, Alberta

### 7—ADAM BOMB

(10) 292, Harrisburg, PA

### 8—DAVEY BOY SMITH

(-) 245, Leeds, England

### 9—JIM NEIDHART

(3) 275, Tampa, FL

### 10—JEFF JARRETT

(14) 230, Nashville, TN

### 11—LEX LUGER

(8) 265, Chicago, IL

### 12—TATANKA

(9) 250, Pembroke, NC

### 13—IRWIN R. SCHYSTER

(11) 248, Syracuse, NY

### 14—JERRY LAWLER

(-) 234, Memphis, TN

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(-) 306, Miami, FL

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## TOP 15

### 1—MARCUS BAGWELL & THE PATRIOT

(1) No. 1 contenders: WCW World tag title

### 2—DIESEL & SHAWN MICHAELS

(4) WWF World tag team champions

### 3—PAUL ORNDORFF & PAUL ROMA

(3) WCW World tag team champions

### 4—THE NASTY BOYS

(2) No. 2 contenders: WCW World tag title

### 5—THE SMOKIN' GUNNS

(12) No. 1 contenders: WWF World tag title

### 6—THE GANGSTAS

(6) Smoky Mountain tag team champions

### 7—THE BUSHWHACKERS

(9) No. 2 contenders: WWF World tag title

### 8—PUBLIC ENEMY

(10) ECW tag team champions

### 9—THE MOONDOGS

(-) USWA tag team champions

### 10—THE HEAVENLY BODIES

(13) No. 3 contenders: WWF World tag title

### 11—THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS

(7) No. 2 contenders: Smoky Mountain tag title

### 12—HARLEM HEAT

(-) No. 3 contenders: WCW World tag title

### 13—THE HEADSHRINKERS

(5) No. 4 contenders: WWF World tag title

### 14—THE PHANTOMS

(15) No. 1 contenders: USWA tag title

### 15—ARN ANDERSON & BUNKHOUSE BUCK

(-) No. 4 contenders: WCW World tag title

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For period ended November 13, 1994

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(July 23, 1994; beat El Hijo del Santo & Octagon; Rosemont, Illinois)

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**ALL-JAPAN JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: DAN KROFFAT**  
(July 12, 1994; from Masanobu Fuchi; Kagoshima, Japan)

**ALL-JAPAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: MITSU HARU MISAWA & KENTA KOBASHI**  
(December 3, 1993; beat Akira Taue & Toshiaki Kawada in tournament final; Tokyo, Japan)

**ALL-JAPAN UNITED NATIONAL CHAMPION: TOSHIAKI KAWADA**  
(October 22, 1994; from Steve Williams; Tokyo, Japan)

**ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S ALL-PACIFIC CHAMPION: MINAMI TOYOTA**  
(August 24, 1994; beat Yoko Inoue; Tokyo, Japan)

**ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S CHAMPION: KAORI ITO**  
(May 4, 1994; beat Rie Tamada in tournament final; Toda, Japan)

**ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION: AJA KONG**  
(November 26, 1992; from Bull Nakano; Kawasaki, Japan)

**ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: CANDY OKUTSU**  
(December 6, 1993; from Chapparrita Asari; Osaka, Japan)

**ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: MINAMI TOYOTA & TOSHIYO YAMADA**  
(December 6, 1993; from Dynamite Kansai & Mayumi Ozaki; Osaka, Japan)

**ALL-STATE WRESTLING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: TONY PRICHARD**  
(August 24, 1994; from Rick Cannon; Pigeon Forge, TN)

**ALL-STATE WRESTLING TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: REGULATOR STEEL & REGULATOR STONE**  
(September 15, 1994; by forfeit, from Rick Connors & Lone Star; Maryville, TN)

**AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: T. RANTULA**  
(March 26, 1994; from Rip Sawyer; Johnsonburg, PA)

**AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: LORD ZOLTAN**  
(October 1, 1994; from Johnny Graham; Lewistown, PA)

**AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE BAD CREW**  
(September 30, 1993; title previously vacant; York, PA)

**AMERICAN STATES WRESTLING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: SCOTT SOMERS**  
(November 19, 1993; from Bo Dacious; Mansfield, OH)

**ATLANTIC WRESTLING COUNCIL LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION: BOBBY ROGERS**  
(December 4, 1993; from Blare Rogers; Hollywood, FL)

**ATLANTIC WRESTLING COUNCIL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: T.J. JACKSON & THE MISER**  
(July 2, 1993; from American Scorpion & The Falcon; West Palm Beach, FL)

**CENTURY WRESTLING ALLIANCE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: TONY ATLAS**  
(December 4, 1993; from Vic Steamboat; Tewksbury, MA)

**CONTINENTAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: VIC STEAMBOAT**  
(October 23, 1993; from The Iron Sheik; Wakefield, MA)

**CONTINENTAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: RAY ODYSSEY**  
(October 23, 1993; from Flex Lavender; Wakefield, MA)

**ECW HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: SHANE DOUGLAS**  
(March 26, 1994; from Terry Funk; Devon, PA)

**ECW TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: PUBLIC ENEMY**  
(November 5, 1994; from Cactus Jack & Mikey Whipwreck; Philadelphia, PA)

**ECW TELEVISION CHAMPION: DEAN MALENKO**  
(November 4, 1994; from 2 Cold Scorpio; Hamburg, PA)

**ICW HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE: SCOTTY McKEEVER**  
(October 29, 1994; beat The Untouchable in tournament final; Wallace, NC)

**IWC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: KONNAN**  
(April 2, 1994; from Cien Caras; Reynosa, Mexico)

**IWCCW LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: JOE SAVOLDI**  
(December 26, 1991; from Tasmaniac; Monticello, NY)

**IWCCW TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE SIOUX WAR PARTY**  
(May 9, 1992; beat The Canadians in tournament final; Hamburg, PA)

**IWGP CHAMPION: SHINYA HASHIMOTO**  
(May 1, 1994; from Tsumi Fujinami; Fukuoka, Japan)

**IWGP INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: KENSUKE SASAKI & HAWK**  
(January 4, 1994; from Scott Norton & Hercules; Tokyo, Japan)

**IWGP JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: NORIO HONAGA**  
(September 27, 1994; beat Pegasus Kid in tournament final; Osaka, Japan)

**MIDWEST TERRITORIAL WRESTLING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: MACHINE GUN KELLY**  
(July 16, 1994; from Al Snow; Taylor, MI)

**MIDWEST TERRITORIAL WRESTLING TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS**  
(July 16, 1994; from Road Warrior Hawk & Bobo Brazil Jr.; Taylor, MI)

**NWA WOMEN'S CHAMPION: BAMBI**  
(July 26, 1994; from Peggy Lee Leather; Chattanooga, TN)

**PACIFIC WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION: TOSHIAKI KAWADA**  
(October 22, 1994; from Steve Williams; Tokyo, Japan)

**PACIFIC WRESTLING FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: MITSU HARU MISAWA & KENTA KOBASHI**  
(December 3, 1993; beat Akira Taue & Toshiaki Kawada in tournament final; Tokyo, Japan)

**PLANT CITY WRESTLING FEDERATION HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: LUSCIOUS LUKE**  
(May 19, 1994; from Vern Henderson; Plant City, Florida)

**PRO WRESTLING FEDERATION HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: ITALIAN STALLION**  
(November 12, 1994; from Terry Austin; Mooresville, NC)

**PRO WRESTLING FEDERATION JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: FLAMING YOUTH**  
(August 19, 1994; from Brian Williams; Elkin, NC)

**PRO WRESTLING FEDERATION TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: STAR RYDER & RAVISHING RANDY**  
(October 1, 1994; from Black Scorpion & Masked Maniac; North Wilkesboro, NC)

**RIVER CITY WRESTLING HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE: MAX IMPACT**  
(October 27, 1994; from Tom Steele; Winnipeg, Manitoba)

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: TONY ANTHONY**  
(July 5, 1994; from Jake Roberts; Warrensville, NC)

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE GANGSTAS**  
(October 1, 1994; by officials' decision)

**TRI-STAR WRESTLING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: JIMMY SHARPE**  
(July 22, 1994; from Randy Steele; Rossville, GA)

**TRI-STAR WRESTLING TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: ROGER SARTAIN & JOEL TRAVIS**  
(September 29, 1994; from Cam & Sam Colt; Rossville, GA)

**USWA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: SID VICIOUS**  
(July 16, 1994; by forfeit, from Jerry Lawler; Memphis, TN)

**USWA SOUTHERN CHAMPION: TOMMY RICH**  
(October 3, 1994; beat Buddy Landell in tournament final; Memphis, TN)

**USWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE MOONDOGS**  
(October 24, 1994; from The Phantoms; Memphis, TN)

**WCW TELEVISION CHAMPION: JOHNNY B. BADD**  
(September 18, 1994; from Lord Steven Regal; Roanoke, VA)

**WCW U.S. CHAMPION: HACKSAW DUGGAN**  
(September 18, 1994; from Steve Austin; Roanoke, VA)

**WCW WORLD CHAMPION: HULK HOGAN**  
(July 17, 1994; from Ric Flair; Orlando, FL)

**WCW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: PAUL ORNDORFF & PAUL ROMA**  
(October 23, 1994; from Marcus Bagwell & The Patriot; Detroit, MI)

**WINDY CITY WRESTLING LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION: STEVE BOZ**  
(November 5, 1994; from Christopher Daniels; Chicago, IL)

**WORLD WIDE WRESTLING ALLIANCE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: BRUTUS BEEFCAKE**  
(April 16, 1994; from Nailz; Atlantic City, NJ)

**WORLD WIDE WRESTLING ALLIANCE INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION: JACK HAMMER**  
(August 27, 1993; from Tony Atlas; Freeport, Bahamas)

**WORLD WIDE WRESTLING ALLIANCE TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: TITLE VACANT**  
(Most recently held by The Diamond Express)

**WORLD WRESTLING ALLIANCE TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: BAD ATTITUDE**  
(November 5, 1994; from Duane & Wayne Gill; Clementon, NJ)

**WWA FRONTIER MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPION: MR. ONITA**  
(September 19, 1992; from Tiger Jeet Singh; Yokohama, Japan)

**WWF INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION: RAZOR RAMON**  
(August 29, 1994; from Diesel; Chicago, IL)

**WWF WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPION: ALUNDRA BLAYZE**  
(December 13, 1993; beat Heidi Lee Morgan in tournament final; Poughkeepsie, NY)

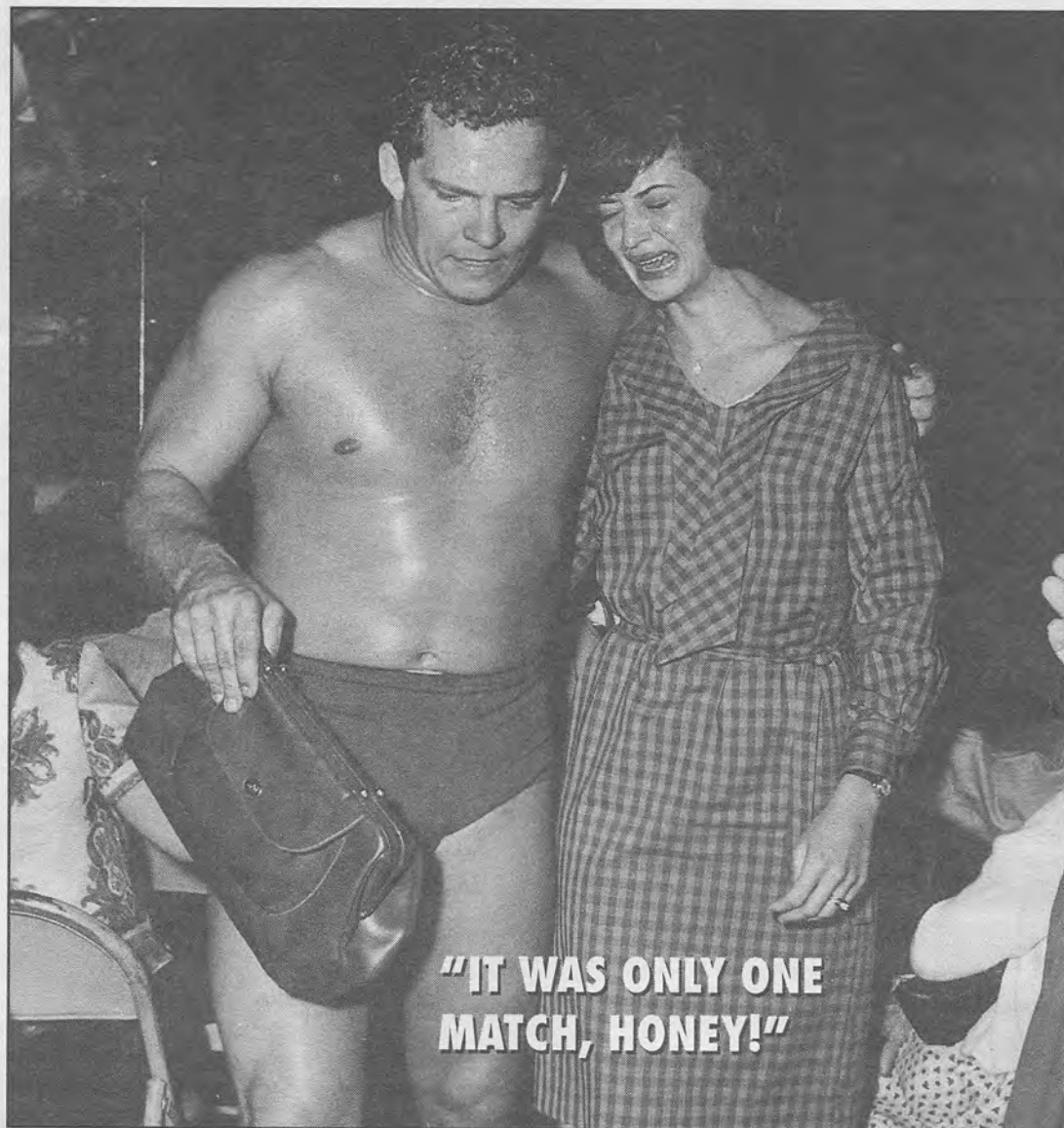
**WWF WORLD CHAMPION: BRET HART**  
(March 20, 1994; from Yokozuna; New York, NY)

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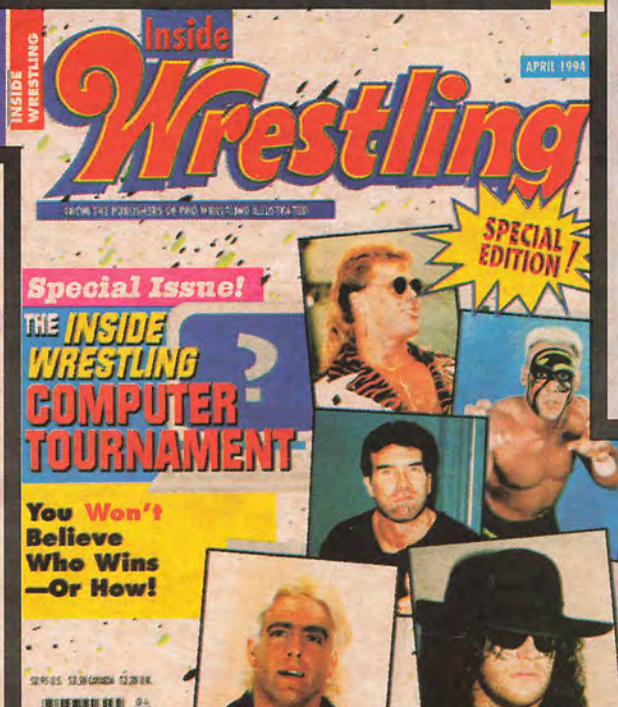


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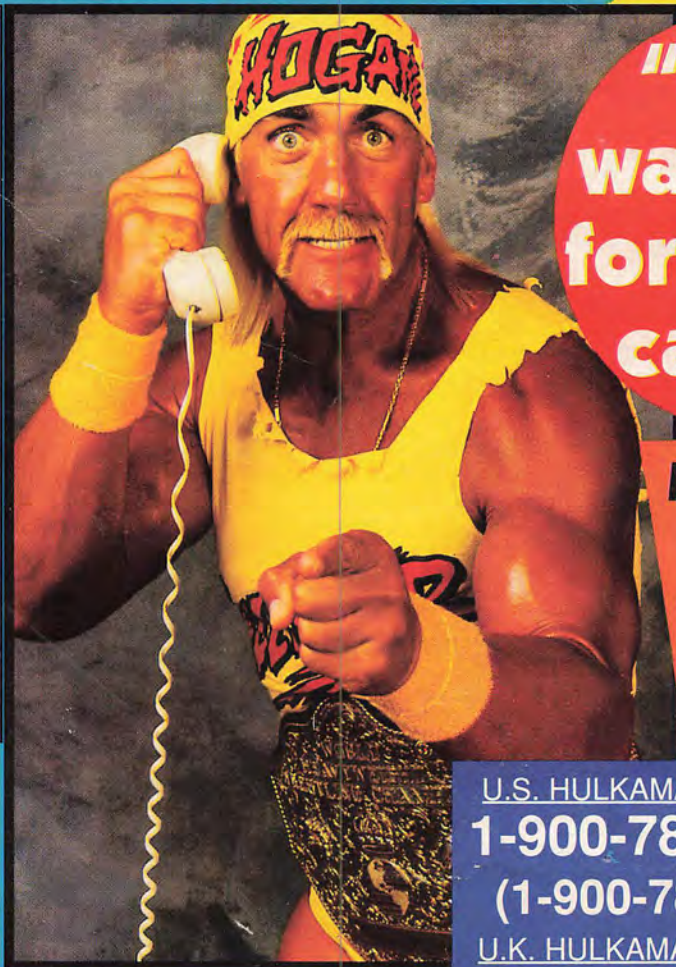
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